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Save the Date—April 27, 2019 & Come Golf with Us

Is golfing your way of life?

If so, get your team together and register for the 2019 Military Museum Golf Classic to be held on April 27, 2019 at the Spring Creek Golf Course. The \$200 per team registration includes green fees, golf cart, lunch and prizes. Send in your registration form found in this newsletter TODAY!

Sponsors Needed—Military Museum Golf Classic

Fill out the included registration / sponsorship form to support the 2019 Military Museum Golf Classic.

Go Fund Me Campaign

Donations will be used exclusively for the Military Museum restoration project. Additional exterior and interior renovations remain to be done, along with extensive HVAC requirements. **Go to**

<https://www.gofundme.com/military-museum-restoration>

To help us preserve the military history of Nemaha County.

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Announcements

Annual Golf Classic — April 27, 2019 (Rain date April 28, 2019)
Community Day at the Museums — June 8, 2019
Renew Your Membership — TODAY

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BOARD ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting

The Nemaha County Historical Society Board of Directors held their 2018 Annual Meeting on Feb. 12, 2019. where the following was discussed:

- Submission of Heritage Trust Fund Grant to continue work on the Military Museum
- Consortium of Nemaha County museums is developing bylaws for the group.
- Planning has started for Seneca's 150th anniversary
- Arts Council request regarding use of the basement of the Military Museum

Minutes from the annual meeting are posted on the web site.

Re-Organizational Meeting

Officers:

President: Anita Heiman

Secretary: Patty Byers

Vice President: Karen Holthaus

Treasurer: Raymond Thieme

Committee Appointments:

Grants / Historic Sites: Cathy Holthaus, Chair / Raymond Thieme Assistant

Curator: Ilene Enneking, Chair; Ray Thieme, Anita Heiman, Alma Ackerman

Maintenance: Robert Ackerman, Jerry Claas

Memorials / Hospitality: Joyce Olberding

Tourism/Travel Representative: Patty Byers

Research Librarian: Karen Holthaus, Assistant: Marcia Philbrick

Bancroft Depot Representative: Roger Brown

Military Museum Golf Classic: Rick Slater, Chair; Karen Holthaus, Assistant

Tractor Cruise Chair: Richard Schmitz

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From the Archives



According to the Archives, this photo is from the Seneca Fireman reunion held June 18, 1905

No mention of a Seneca Fireman Reunion could be found in the June 1905 Seneca newspapers.

Instead, the front pages were filled with information regarding 'Catholic Sunday' when a Catholic Congress was held in Seneca. This event included a parade:

Division 1 — Grand Marshal, E. R. Murphy; aides, Joseph Karnowski and Harry Helser; Hanover band, **Seneca fire department**, Hanover C.M.B., St. Joseph's Benevolent society of Atchison.

Division 2—Marshal, John Wempe; aides, Roger Murphy and Fred Melchers; St. Benedict band. Young men's society of St. Benedict, St. Joseph's Benevolent society of Leavenworth, St. George's C.M. B. Leavenworth.

Division 3—Marshal, Joseph Heidemann; aides, Joseph Olberjag and C. H. Stallbaumer; Excelsior band of Marysville, St. Gregory's C. M.S.A. Marysville, C.M.B.A. of Marysviille.

Division 4—Marshal, Theodore Kuckelman; aides, Hugh Draney and Barney Gellhaus; Kelly band, St. Bene's society of Kelly, Boy's society of Seneca, St. John the Baptist society of Seneca, St. Peter & Paul's Benevolent society of Seneca, St. Joseph's Men's society of Seneca

Division 5—Marshal, Henry Osterhaus; aides, George Hutton and Frank Rochel; Seneca band, city council in carriages, visiting priests in carriages, church committees in carriages, state officers in carriages, speakers in carriages, reception committee in carriages, bishops carriage escorted by W. F. Grothjan, J. A. Grothjan, Jacob Pelster, F. A. Pleiman, F. B. Wempe, C. H. Wempe, and occupoied by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, D. D., Rt. Rev. Abbot Innocent Wolf, O.S.B. and Mayer A. J. Felt, followed by distinguished visitors in carriages.



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"Catholic Sunday," The Seneca Tribune (Seneca, Kansas) Thursday, June 22, 1905, page 1. (available online at seneca.advantage-preservation.com)

Found in Archives



Seneca Main Street

Caption on Photo:

Fred Wheeler—Holding Mules

Taken about 1910

"List of Big Fair's Premium Winners," Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas), Thursday, September 18, 1919. Available online at Seneca.advantage-preservation.com

5	Mrs. Howard Thompson, best cottage cheese, 1st, 2nd, 3rd	50
0	Fred Wheeler, mule 3 years and over, 1st, 1st	8.00
0	Fred Wheeler, mule, 3 years and over, 2nd, 2nd	4.00
5	Fred Wheeler, mule 3 years and over, 3rd, 3rd	1.00
0	Fred Wheeler, mule two and under three years, 3rd, 4th	1.50
5	Fred Wheeler, pair draft mules shown in harness and wagon, 1st, 1st	10.00
5	2nd, 2nd	
0	Fred Wheeler, pair draft mules shown in harness and wagon, 4th, 4th	5.00
0	Fred Wheeler, pair draft mules shown in harness and wagon, 5th, 5th	2.00
5	Miss Ruby Wiseman, piece tatting, 3rd, 3rd	.25
0		50

No article for Fred Wheeler and his mules was found in 1910.



Seneca Baseball League (1907)

Identified as

?, Brown, Zip Zabel, Tom Carmen, O Debalt, Tennison Sharp, Tomlinson, Martin, Gaston, Sievers, Dummy Taylor (Oneida), Weyant

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Military Museum

GOLF CLASSIC

Support Nemaha County

Military Museum

Spring Creek Golf Course,
Seneca, KS

April 27, 2019

April 28, 2019 Rain Date

Registration 9:00 AM shotgun start 10:00 AM

Sponsorship Options:

____ **Barbecue Sponsor \$500**

(Exclusive to 1st paid) Allows specific
Military Veteran honored in promotions

____ **Platinum Sponsor: \$250**

____ **Gold Sponsor: \$100**

____ Cart Sponsor (1st 2 paid)

____ Hole Sponsor

____ **Silver Sponsor: Less than \$100**

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Military Museum

Golf Classic

Generous cash prizes
will be awarded

Four-person format.

Spring Creek Golf Course

April 27, 2019

COST: \$50/person | \$200/team

Registration includes: Green fees / Golf
Cart / Entry Package / Lunch

Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Player: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone (rain): _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Pay On-Site or Return w/fees to:

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2019 Nemaha County Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

_____ Individual Membership (newsletter sent by e-mail)	\$20.00/yr	\$ _____
_____ Individual Membership (newsletter sent by mail)	\$25.00/yr	\$ _____
_____ Business Membership	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Silver Sponsor	\$50 to \$99.00	\$ _____
_____ Gold Sponsor	\$100.00	\$ _____

Contribution:

Preservation Fund	\$ _____
Building Fund	\$ _____
Military Museum Projects	\$ _____
Memorial In memory of _____	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Nemaha County Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc.

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Sanborn Maps



The Sanborn Map Company created maps for fire insurance companies in the late 19th and the 20th century. The historical society has a couple of Sanborn maps for early Seneca. These maps document the names of the streets.

The Library of Congress has digitized these maps making them freely available on the Internet. Seneca's maps can be found at https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn03080_003/

The Seneca maps provide a clue to the life of the community in 1896.

Kansas City, Wyandotte and Northwestern Railroad



On Tuesday evening the track layers completed their work and joined the spur of six miles out from this city, and two strips of iron now directly unite Seneca and Kansas City. At 9:05 engine No. 8, with Frank Greenwood at the foot board, whistled, and our citizens were soon on the stir. Some had an intimation that the officers of the road would soon arrive, in an elegantly equipped and furnished passenger coach, drawn by engine No 6, K.C.W. & N.W. reached the city. ...

Regular passenger trains will be rounding about February first.

Mr. Groves has the contract to build the depot and roundhouse, and work began Monday morning.

"The Last Spike," Seneca Tribune (Seneca, Kansas) Thursday, January 12, 1888, page 3.

2019 GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

Koch and Company
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
Nemaha Valley Motors

V.F.W.

2018 GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

Ackerman Lock & Key
AHRS
American Legion
Benskin Motors
Cornerstone Coffeehaus Suites
Courier Tribune
Durland Auto Parts
Eisenbarth Plumbing
Elk State Bank
Nemaha County Farm Bureau
First Heritage Bank
Garrett's Country Mart
Heartland Chiropractic

Helena Ag Enterprises LLC
Heritage Real Estate
Lauer Love Funeral Home
Life Care of Seneca
Medical Arts Pharmacy
Midwest Crop Insurance
Nemaha County Co-Op Association
Netawaka Fitness center
William O'Keefe Law Offices
Ohlsen Right of Way & Maintenance
Picture This
Prairie Band Casino
Rainbow Communications

Ray's Apple Market
S&S Automotive
SBS Insurance
Schmitz Drive Thru Liquor & Deli
Seneca Dental Practice
Seneca Realty
Seneca Variety
Shopko
Seneca Wholesale
State Bank of Bern
SureCrop Fertilizer
Suther Building supply
United Bank & Trust

2019 SILVER BUSINESS MEMBERS

Durland Auto Parts
Garrett's Country Mart
Medical Arts Pharmacy
Ray's Apple Market

SBS Insurance
Stallbaumer Lumber
Young Backhoe & Trenching

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Save the Date—June 8, 2019 — Seneca Day at the Museums 10 am to 3 pm

Come check out our museums during Seneca Day at the Museums

- Seneca Jail and Residence
- Annex II: Farm, Railroad, Hospital, CCC Exhibits
- Military Temple of Honor
- Seneca Hand Dug Well—City Park
- * Serving Ice Cream Floats at Sheriff's Residence

Free Will Donation

Quarterly Meeting Highlights

The Nemaha County Historical Society Board of Directors held their May 2019 Quarterly Meeting on May 14.

The board was recently notified that the society did not receive a Heritage Trust Fund grant this year. Even though the society can re-apply, the need for a controlled environment is now. Without the ability to control the temperature in the Military Temple of Honor, access to the museum is limited to times when it isn't too hot or too cold in the building. This not only affects the ability of volunteers to develop displays but also the ability to have the Military Temple of Honor open for visitors. Since we would like to have our museums open year round, we are seeking ways to fund the purchase of heating and air conditioning for the Military Temple of Honor.

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**Golf Tournament a Success
Thank you For Your Support!
Join Us Next Year: April 25, 2020**

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Oil Lamp Collection



Mark Freel recently donated about 30 boxes of oil lamps to the historical society museum. These lamps were collected by his brother. They are currently on display in Annex I of the museum.

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Garage Sale

May 30 (3-6 pm) * May 31 (8am-6pm) * June 1 (8 am-1pm)

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Tractor Cruise — July 27, 2019

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Donation — Photo of The Pleasure Club



The Pleasure Club.

On Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock the Pleasure Club tendered a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams to a large number of their friends, who pronounced it an elegant affair, conducted with all the grace and dignity that those of maturer years and much experience in society could have summoned for such an occasion. The rooms were darkened and beautifully lighted, and potted plants artistically arranged added greatly to the attractiveness of the occasion. The refreshing repast was daintily served, and the music, laughter, decorations and flowers formed a most enchanting picture. Little Cora Ousler opened the door to guests and Edith Williams received the cards and announced their arrival to the reception committee, composed of Misses Clara Williams, Ella Pluckney and Helen Williams. The callers were then taken in charge by Miss Jessie Plummer, who ushered them into the dining room. Miss Ima Pluckney had them register and presented them souvenirs. Misses Maude Ford, Ellen Troughton, Leslie Snyder and Minnie Haggard proved skillful and charming attendants upon the tables, while little Rachel Williams managed the finger-bowl *a la française*.

Among the callers were Mrs. L. B. Wright, Mrs. C. E. Pluckney, Misses Cora Marquis, Eva Chapman, Bezie Larimer, Beatrice Fuller, Elletta French, Lotta French, Josie Egan, Anna Klein, Ella Sperling, Isach Firstenberger, Emma Smith, Josie Kibbles, Jessie Hunt, Elsie Wells, Minnie Wolford, Olive Johnson, Genevieve Sisson, Carrie Humphrey, Alice Nichols, Minnie Stevenson, Nan Stevenson, Myra Stevenson, Julia Novinger, Dorothy Greenwood, Aida Thompson, Lottie Johnson, Alice Conwell, Alberta Seville, Maudie Wells, Lulu Spaulding, Grace Johnson, Zulu Thompson, Eva Collins, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Miss Mary Conwell, Mrs. A. Snyder, Mrs. S. Conwell.

The Pleasure Club

One of the most delightful social happenings of the year, was the reception tendered by the Pleasure Club. At the beautiful and comfortable home of Misses Clara and Helen Williams, last Saturday afternoon, March 1st. For this memorable occasion, by which the Pleasure Club makes its debut to the social whirl, the rooms were so tastefully prepared as to represent that haven of unalloyed bliss and light hearted delight which reigns supreme in the circle of the club. Pyramids of palms and banks of beautiful and rare flowers, whose rich perfumes made one forget all but the beautiful in nature, were exuberant in each room. The dainty and artistic decorations and bunting of flowers, ribbon and satin, were a rich yellow; the emblematic color of the club. The rooms were darkened and colored gas jets placed promiscuously about, which added a delightful charm to the occasion. It was a miniature fairyland, which could only be depicted in word paintings by such fertile minds as Jules Verne. Everywhere seemed to lurk enraptured ecstasy, and a soul inspiring enchantment appeared to capture the guests and suspend their familiarity with the guests and suspend their familiarity with the vicissitudes of life and bring them to a realization only of that which awakens and delights the esthetic faculty, and sweet strains of music, which came from each room, almost impressed one with the belief of being resigned to superhuman influences.

Miss Cora Ousler attended the door and admitted the guests. Edith Williams received the cards and announced the guests to the reception committee — Misses Clara Williams, Ella Pluckney and Helen Williams, who ushered them into the reception room. After a short sojourn in this department, Jessie Plummer escorted the guests to Club quarters, where the secretary pro term Ima Pluckney had them register and then presented them with ribbon souvenirs, from whence they were lead into the dining room, where a sumptuous repast of all the delicious viands and rare edibles of the season were served, a la course, in abundance by four members of the club: Misses Leslie Snyder, Maude Ford, Minnie Haggard and Ellen Troughton. When epicurean tastes were gratified, little Rachel Williams accompanied the guest to the finger bowl, filled with light rose water, and from there they were invited to the parlor, where they were charmingly entertained until departure. Forty of the young lady friends were entertained and they are profuse in their praises of the Pleasure Club.

The Pleasure Club is composed of nine charming young ladies who will surely cut a wide swath in the social circles of this city.

Courier Tribune, Thursday, January 13, 1898

Local Appeal for Flood Relief

Ask the Red Cross to Double Quota

Mrs. C. E. Mathews Gets Wire for Another Hundred Dollars

Although the Nemaha County Red Cross responded almost immediately to the first call for Mississippi Valley flood relief and sent one hundred dollars asked, a later survey of the appalling disaster has induced Herbert Hoover and the Red Cross to send a second appeal asking all communities to double their original quotas.

The executive committee of the Seneca Chamber of Commerce held a meeting Tuesday noon and agreed to lend a hand in furthering the good cause. Seneca will endeavor to raise its share of the Nemaha county fund next Monday night when a benefit picture show will be given at the Royal Theatre. R. E. Karnes, the manager, has agreed to give the entire proceeds to the flood sufferers' fund. The admission will be 10 and 25 c but those who attend may pay as much for the tickets as they like. All organizations are asked to cooperate, Legion, Auxiliary, lodges, churches and social clubs in keeping Monday night an open date.

Other Nemaha county towns are requested to aid Seneca in raising the money. Contributions may be made to L. D. Allen, Seneca State Savings Bank. Mr. Allen was former treasurer of the Red Cross and the bank said it would be glad to turn the funds to Mrs. C. E. Mathews who in turn will remit to flood relief headquarters.

Local Appeal for Flood Relief. The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas) 5 May, 1927, p. 1



1927 Flood—Cape Girardeau (Wikipedia)



1927 Mississippi Flood—Cairo, IL Highway (Wikimedia)



1927 Flood Rescue—Arkansas (National Weather Service)



1927 Flood—Refugee Camp at Vicksburg, MI (Public Domain Files)

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Military Notes

Last 1917 Contingent Leaves

Tuesday night at 12:01 the last contingent of 1917 registrants left for Fort Riley and Camp Funston to receive military training. Although it was midnight there were nearly as many relatives and friends at the depot as on similar occasions in the daytime. Uncle Jim Countryman and the G.A.R. flag accompanied the boys to the depot. Mr. Countryman has missed just one soldier departure and then he was too sick to walk. The discontinuance of the day motor between Lincoln and Manhattan made it necessary for the boys to go Monday night in order to reach their cantonments on Tuesday. At nine o'clock farewell exercises were held at the City Hall. Speeches were made by Chas. H. Herold, A. J. Morton and Judge W. H. Higgins. Judge Higgins explained the government insurance and allotments. Miss Margaret Worland sang. Two of the sixteen comprising the last contingent, holding the lowest order number, viz: John Weber of Seneca and Roy P. Armstrong of Centralia were sent to Camp Funston to take the places of Ewart Kemplay and John Cosgrove who were recently rejected. Those going to Fort Riley were Ernest J. McClain, Albert Strahm and John L. Palmer of Sabetha, Henry Gockel of Baileyville, Frank B. Wilhelm of Kelly, Guy D. Blood of Goff, Wm J. Greene and David N. Crosswhite of Centralia, Albert W. Mathewson, Walter O. Schneider and Henry J. Osterhaus of Seneca, Wallace W. Heald of Wetmore, David Wilson of Corning and Roy Anderson of Bern.

"Last 1917 Contingent Leaves," Courier Democrat (Seneca, Kansas) Thursday, August 8th, 1918. page 2.

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Soldiers Discharged from Camp Funston

Monday Morning, John Burdick, Joseph A. Kramer, Joseph Kramer of Seneca Route No. 1, Jacob Kramer and Fred Henry arrived home from Camp Funston having received their honorable discharge from the 164th Depot Brigade. Sergeant Joseph Spellman returned Saturday night having been previously discharged.

G.A.R. Elects New Officers

At the regular meeting, December 7, 1918, of George Graham Post No. 92, Department of Kansas, G.A.R. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: Thomas N. Riley, Post Commander, George F. Roots, Senior Vice Commander; Granderson W. Johnson, Junior Vice Commander; John W. Larimer, Officer of the Day; James W. Countryman, Officer of the Guard.

The installation will probably be held at the next regular meeting, the first Monday in Jan-

(Courier Democrat (Seneca, Kansas) Dec 12, 1918. page 1.

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Seneca

Seneca, the county seat of Nemaha county, Kansas, is beautifully located on the left bank of the Nemaha river, within a few miles of the geographical centre of the county, and 77 miles west of St. Joseph, Mo., on the line of the St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad, and has a population of about 1200 inhabitants.

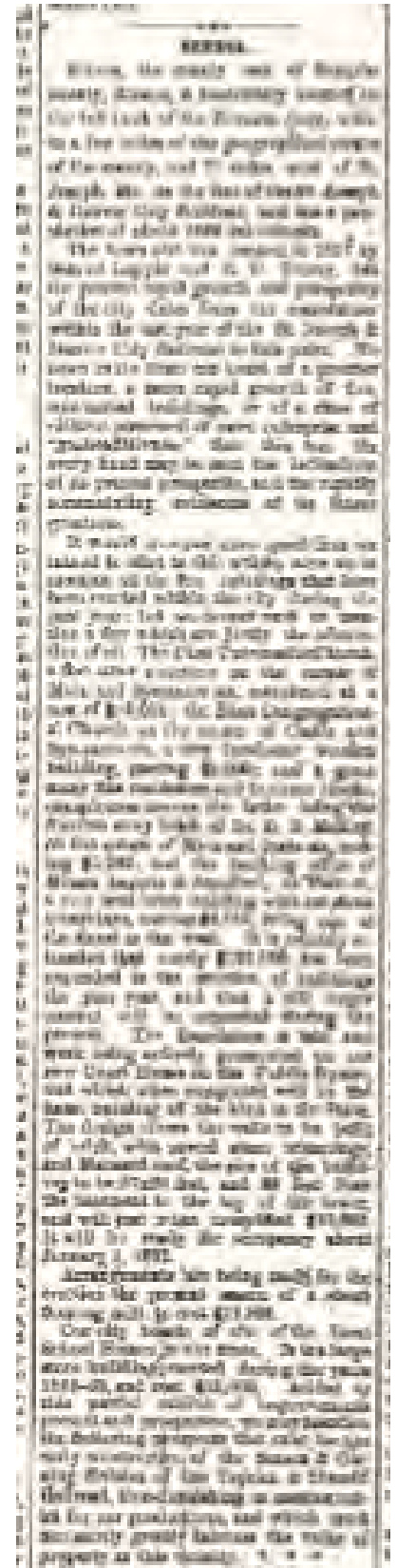
The town site was located in 1857 by Samuel Lappin and R U Torrey, but the present rapid growth and prosperity of the city dates from the completion within the last year of the St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad to this point. No town in the State can boast of a prettier location, a more rapid growth of fine, substantial buildings, or of a class of citizens possessed of more enterprise and 'goaheaditiveness' than this can. On every hand may be seen the indications of its present prosperity, and the rapidly accumulating evidences of its future greatness.

It would consume more space than we intend to allot to this article, were we to mention all the fine buildings that have been erected within the city during the past year; but we cannot omit to mention a few which are justly the admiration of all. The First Universalist church, a fine stone structure on the corner of Main and Sycamore Sts., completed at a cost of 410,000; the First Congregational Church, on the corner of Castle and Sycamore sts., a very handsome wooden building, costing \$5,000; and a great many fine residences and business blocks, conspicuous among the later being the fine two story brick of Dr. D. B. McKay, on the corner of Main and State Sts, costing \$5,000, and the banking office of Messrs. Lappin & Scrafford, on Main St., a very neat brick building with cut stone trimmings, costing \$4,000, being one of the finest in the west. It is reliably estimated that nearly \$125,000 has been expended in the erection of buildings the past year, and that a still larger amount will be expended during the present. The foundation is laid and work being actively prosecuted on our new Court House on the Public Square, and which when completed will be the finest building of the kind in the State. The design shows the walls to be built of brick, with sawed stone trimmings, of brick, with sawed stone trimmings and Mansard roof, the size of the building to be 57x80 feet, and 96 feet from the basement to the top of the tower, and will cost when completed \$80,000. It will be ready for occupancy about January 1, 1872.

Arrangements are being made for the erection the present season of a steam flouring mill, to cost \$15,000.

Our city boasts of one of the finest School Houses in the State. It is a large stone building erected during the years 1868-69, and cost \$15,000. Added to this partial exhibit of improvements present and prospective, we may mention the flattering prospects that exist for the early construction of the Seneca & Corning division of the Topeka & Lincoln Railroad, thus furnishing us another outlet for our productions, and which must necessarily greatly increase the value of property in this vicinity.

"Seneca," Seneca Weekly Courier (Seneca, Kansas) June 2, 1871, page 1.



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Save the Date—

September 15—Community Day in the Park

September 19-22 Highway 36 Garage Sales

Quarterly Meeting Highlights

We would like to thank Richard Schmitz and Misty Blume for all of their efforts behind a successful tractor cruise this year.

The Nemaha County Historical Society will have a booth at the Seneca Community Day in the Park to serve ice cream floats.

The society will be participating in the Big Kansas Road Trip that will be highlighting Nemaha, Brown and Doniphan counties next year. Participants in this event will be touring our museums on May 7, 8, 9 and 10, 2020.

The museums will also be open on June 13, 2020 for the 150th celebration being planned by Seneca leaders.

Jason Showman submitted his resignation from the board. The historical society now has two openings on its board.

The historical society has submitted a grant application to the STEP Foundation. A Heritage Trust Fund Grant Application will also be submitted this fall. We are seeking funds to install heating and air conditioning sufficient to prevent the deterioration of our collections due to extreme temperatures and mold.

The museum is staffed on Tuesdays from 10 am to 4 pm . Feel free to stop in and visit us on Tuesdays.

Military Temple of Honor—Go Fund Me Campaign

Donations will be used exclusively for the Military Museum restoration project. Additional exterior and interior renovations remain to be done, along with extensive HVAC requirements.

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<https://www.gofundme.com/military-museum-restoration>

To help us preserve the military history of Nemaha County.

Tractor Cruise a Success
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1996 Olympic Torch



Features:

- 22 Aluminum Rods—each representing one of the modern Olympic Games
- Center handle of Georgia Pecan wood (1996 Olympics was held in Atlanta Georgia)
- Gold band at base listed names of each Olympic Games host city
- Gold band at top featured the logo of the 1996 Olympic Games and the Quilt of Leaves motif
- First torch with center handle
- 32 inches high - tallest at that time for Summer Games

1996 Torch Relay

The 1996 torch relay began in Greece where it was lit from the Olympic flame. It traveled around Greece before being flown to Los Angeles. From Los Angeles, it was carried by runners, bicyclists, canoeists, train riders and motorcyclists to northeast Colorado. At that point, Pony Express riders began carrying the torch. The torch traveled along the Pony Express trail, thru Seneca, Kansas to St. Joseph Missouri where it continued its travels to Atlanta.

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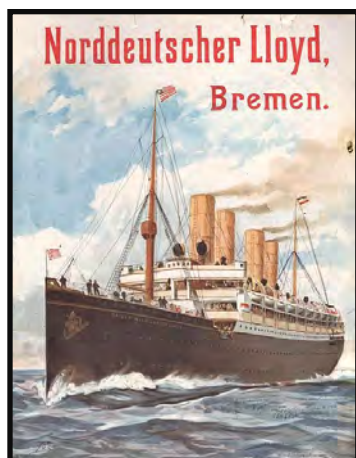
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Coming to America

We Have a New Display!

Thanks to the efforts of Ilene Enneking, our curator, Diane Rottinghaus and Alma Ackerman, the northwest bedroom of the sheriff's residence has been converted to display artifacts highlighting the travel of our German ancestors to Nemaha County.



Included in the display is a sign for the the Norddeutscher Lloyd Bremen that was used by Frank H. Holthaus in his ticket agency office.

Also on display are two wooden inked ticket stamps with metal front to be used for a passage ticket from Nemaha County to Bremen, Germany. The The stamps were owned by Frank Holthaus, a local ticket agent for the ship line. Stamps are 3 1/2 by 2 inches with stamp picture and information about the ship and details of the passage information.



The company, Norddeutscher Lloyd out of Bremen, Germany was founded in 1857. In 1858, the company started regular, scheduled services between Bremerhaven and New York. By 1890, the NDL was the second largest shipping company in the world with 66 ships. NDL was also carrying more transatlantic passengers to New York than any other company. This was due to its dominance in steerage class which consisted mostly of immigrants.

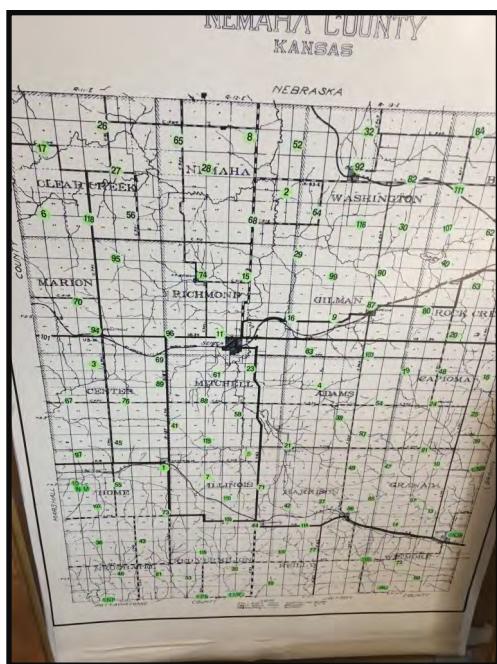
Steerage is the lower deck of a ship, where cargo is stored. Steamships steerage decks were used to provide the lowest cost and lowest class of travel. Many immigrants came to America via these 'steerage' decks.

Passenger lists for the North German Lloyd (Norddeutscher Lloyd) can be found online at <https://www.gjenvick.com/Passengers/NorthGermanLloyd/index.html>. Naturalization records often included the name of the ship the immigrant arrived on. Book one of the Nemaha County, Kansas naturalization records has been transcribed and is available



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Schoolroom Display



Did you know we have a 'school room' in the historical society museum? The second floor exercise area has been used to create a 'one-room' schoolhouse.

A recent addition to this area is a map showing the locations of the one-room schools in the county. Along with the map, is a display of photos of the buildings and classes that attended these schools.

Donations of pictures or memorabilia from these one-room schools will be greatly appreciated.



Location of One-Room Schools

#	Name	Township
1	Centralia	Illinois
2	Riverside	Nemaha
3	Graham	Center
4	Ford	Adams
5	Mentor	Illinois
6	Carroll	Clear Creek
7	White Hall	Illinois
8	Union	Nemaha
9	Union Dale	Gilman
10	Pleasant Hill	Granada
11	Seneca	
12	Swerdferger	
13	Shumaker	Granada
14	Aurora	Wetmore
15	Liberty	Richmond
16	Triumph	Gilman
17	Pleasant Valley	Clear Creek
18	Pleasant Hill	Capioma
19	Rose Hill	Reilly
20	Victory	Rock Creek
21	Kelly	Harrison
22	Old Lincoln	
23	Humphrey	Mitchell
24	Woodlawn	Capioma

#	Name	Township
25	Capioma	Capioma
26	Pleasant Ridge	Clear Creek
27	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
28	Rogers	Nemaha
29	Flag	Gilman
30	Eureka	Washington
31	Bancroft	
32	Eagle Star	Washington
34	Mount Union	Reilly
35	Greenwood	Red Vermillion
36	Mulberry	Neuchatel
37	Fairview	Harrison
38	Head	Adams
39	Bethany	
39	Bethany	Capioma
40	I.X.L.	Rock Creek
41	Obendorf	Mitchell
42	Harris	Harrison
43	Eureka	Neuchatel
44	Corning	
45	Boardman	Center
46	Edgewood	Neuchatel
47	Johnstone	Granada
48	Maple Ridge	Capioma

One Room Schools

#	Name	Township
49	Maple Shade	Harrison
50	Social Hill	
51	Sabetha	Rock Creek
52	Korber	Nemaha
53	Coal Creek	Red Vermillion
54	Pleasant View	Adams
55	Armstrong	Home
56	Bellview	Clear Creek
57	Morning Star	Granada
58	Blue Star	Mitchell
59	Marion	
60	Bushy Slope	Wetmore
61	Pickney	Mitchell
62	Berwick	Berwick
63	Tranquil	Rock Creek
64	Ehrsam	Washington
64	Ehrsam	Mitchell
65	Prairie Grove	Nemaha
66	Mount Vernon	
67	Star	Center
68	Rock	Nemaha
69	Prairie View	
69	Prairie View	Center
70	Pleasant View	Marion
71	Pleasant Ridge	Illinois
72	Social Hill	Wetmore
73	Pleasant Hill	Home
74	Cleveland	Richmond
75	Harmony	Rock Creek
76	Center	Center
77	Willow Glen	Reilly
78	Rock Creek	Berwick
79	Morning Star	Rock Creek
80	Summit	Rock Creek
81	College Hills	Neuchatel
82	Prairie Star	Washington
83	Victory	Adams
84	Hilt	Berwick
85	Evening Star	Harrison
86	Goff	Harrison
87	Oneida	Gilman
88	Diamond	Mitchell
89	Sherman	Center
90	Eclipse	Gilman
91	Pleasant Ridge	Granada
92	Bern	Washington
93	Sunny Knoll	Adams
94	Baileyville	Marion



#	Name	Township
95	Cottonwood	Marion
96	Grand View	Richmond
97	Domer	Home
99	Victory	Gilman
100	forward	Reilly
101	Grant	Center
102	Liberty	Home
103	Oak Grove	Gilman
104	Concord	Neuchatel
105	Kansas Star	Illinois
106	Pearl	
107	National	Berwick
108	Berwick Center	Berwick
109	Rock Hill	Berwick
110	Illinois Center	Illinois
111	Excelsior	Berwick
113	Lone Star	
114	Pine Star	Harrison
115	Globe	Mitchell
116	Union	Washington
116	Seneca	Mitchell
117	Wayside	
118	Dewey	Clear Creek
118	Dewey	
119	Grigsby	Red Vermillion
120	Plain View	
202	Liberty	
10NM		Home
1NB	Albany	Berwick
1NJ	Wetmore	Wetmore
1NM	Windy Ridge	
1NM	Home	
1NPJ	America City	Red Vermillion
28G		Wetmore
2BG	Bancroft	
2NJ	Ontario	Wetmore
5NP	Neuchatel	Neuchatel
6NB	Granada	Granada
6PN		Red Vermillion

World War I Deaths

Kansas World War I Deaths By County (Killed in Action and Non-Battle)



Have you seen this map on Facebook?

Many of those who saw this map raised the question:

Who were the 19 who died from Nemaha County?

Fortunately, the State Library of Kansas has a digital copy of a book that lists these men and identifies some of their families: Kansas Casualties in the World War, 1917-1919: Regular Army, National Guard, National Army, Enlisted Reserve Corps / <https://cdm16884.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/searchterm/ag1-2-wwi/field/all/mode/all/conn/all/order/title/ad/asc>

There are 4 supplements to the above book which have not been included in this list.

Names / Relatives of the Fallen

Bern

- 1308 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Julia L. Palmer, wife, R.F.D. 1, Bern, KS

Centralia

- 32 Armstrong, David W Pvt 1 cl — died: Oct 9, 1918 K A
- 813 Horth, Harold—Pvt 1 cl — died: Dec 27, 1918 D
- 32 (Relative/Friend) W. S. Armstrong, father, Centralia, KS
- 661 (Relative/Friend) W.M. Greene, Centralia, KS
- 813 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Minnie Davis, mother, Vermillion, KS
- 1235 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Mary A. Moyer, mother, Centralia, KS

Corning

- 1086 McDaniel, Everett Pvt — died: Feb 7, 1918 D
- 1143 Masterson, Alva H Pvt — died: Dec 19, 1917 D
- 1186 Mills, Arthur L Pvt — died: Jan 17 1918 D
- 1086 (Relative/Friend) R. G. McDaniel, father, Corning, KS
- 1143 (Relative/Friend) Henry Masterson, father, Corning, KS
- 1186 (Relative/Friend) J. H. Mills, father, Corning, KS

Goff

- 737 Heald, Arlington A. Pvt 1 cl — died: Nov 5 1918 KA
- 1749 Thieme, Eitel F Corp — died: Nov 1, 1918 KA
- 737 Caleb Heald, father, Goff, KS
- 1749 August Thieme, father, Goff, KS

Oneida

- 1125 Markley, William N Pvt — died: March 18, 1918 D
- 1651 Sparling, Clare F Corp —died Sept 19, 1918 DW
- 1125 Jonathan Markley, father, Oneida, KS
- 1651 Mrs. Ida E Sparling, mother, general delivery, Oneida KS

Sabetha

- 999 Landes, Roy E Pvt 1 cl — died Sept. 28, 1918 KA
- 1170 Meyer John G Pvt 1 Cl — died July 24, 1918 KA
- 1476 Root, Frank H Rct—died Mch 17, 1918 D
- 1087 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Celia McDaniel, wife, Sabetha, KS
- 1170 (Relative/Friend) Henry Meyer, Father, Sabetha, KS
- 1475 (Relative/Friend) William H Root, Father, RFD 5, Sabetha, KS

Seneca

- 25 Anderson , Roy Pvt—died Oct 4, 1918 D
- 666 Gress, Joseph M Pvt—died Oct. 18, 1918 KA
- 758 Henry, Joe Sgt—died Oct. 10, 1918 DW
- 902 Jones, Palmer F Pvt 1 Cl—died Oct 10, 1918 DW
- 1006 Largent, Harry Pvt — died Oct 9, 1918 D
- 1425 Rettele, Benedict Pvt—died Dec 17, 1918 D
- 1743 Taylor, Earle W Sgt—Died Oct. 2, 1918 KA
- 1904 Wiethorn, John B Pvt—died Nov. 4, 1918 D
- 666 (Relative/Friend) John Gress, father, Seneca, KS
- 758 (Relative/Friend) Thomas Henry, father, Seneca, KS
- 1006 (Relative/Friend) Jessie M. Largent, mother, Seneca, KS
- 1425 (Relative/Friend) Joseph Rettele, father, RFD 1, Seneca
- 1743 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Sarah Taylor, mother, Seneca, KS
- 1904 (Relative/Friend) Henry Wiethorn, brother, RFD 5, Seneca, KS

Wetmore

- 1028 Levick, John W Pvt—died Oct 2, 1918 KA
- 25 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Amanda Anderson, mother, RFD 1, Wetmore, KS
- 1028 (Relative/Friend) Mrs. Helen Locknays, mother, Wetmore, KS

Causes of Death: KA — Killed in Action / DW — Died of Wounds / D — Died of Disease / A — Accidents / O — Other Causes / U— Unknown

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Climate Control Project

Over the past year, the society has applied for two grants to fund the installation of heating and air conditioning in the military museum. Neither grant was funded. Unfortunately, without heat or air conditioning, the temperatures inside the building are hindering our ability to preserve our military history and our ability to welcome the public to the museum. Since the board would like to protect the artifacts and to be able to welcome visitors throughout the year, they voted to pursue the installation of heating and eventually air conditioning units to help control the climate in the building. **The total cost of the project is \$26,000.** Funds received from memorials, the 2019 Golf tournament and some idle funds have been dedicated to this project.

The board has given Eisenbarth Plumbing the 'green light' to start the project with the available funds. Since those funds are insufficient to finish the project, the board is asking for help from the community.

Please consider donating today!

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To help us preserve the military history of Nemaha County.

A BIG Thank You

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May 7-10, 2020 — Big Kansas Road

June 13, 2020 — Seneca 150th Celebration

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Big Kansas Road Trip

Is Coming to Nemaha County in May

Participants are invited to 'just jump in their car and start exploring' Nemaha, Brown and Doniphan counties.

"The idea is to get people onto the back roads and into Kansas towns to actually SEE PLACES, to actually EAT IN LOCAL CAFES and to talk to and GET TO KNOW THE LOCALS."

The Nemaha County Historical Society is beginning to plan for this event. We plan to showcase our museums during this event.

- Seneca Hand Dug Well
- Temple of Honor Military Museum
- Nemaha County Sheriff's Residence and Jail
- Nemaha County Historical Society Museum Annexes I and II

Join us in making plans for this fantastic way to showcase our Nemaha County way of life.

Potential Road Trip Destinations:

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U.S. Military Draft Prior to Pearl Harbor

Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 from Wikipedia.com

- First PEACETIME conscription in U.S. History
- Men aged 21 to 45 registered for draft
- National lottery
- If drafted, man served on active duty for 12 months and then in reserves for 10 years
- Inductees remained in Western Hemisphere or in U.S. possessions or territories
- Limit of 900,000 men in training at any one time



G. I. Motors Meet Head On

Many were Injured

Nos. 8 and 9 Cars Collide Near Baileyville through Mistake in Train Orders

No. 9, westbound morning motor and No. 8, motor eastbound met in head on collision a half mile east of Baileyville at 8:40 o'clock Friday morning. A mistake in train orders originating between the third track operator at Seneca and the operator at Oneida, is said to be responsible for the accident, which severely bruised a score of passengers and seriously injured W. L. Strunk, a retired farmer of Hiawatha, Mrs. Eva Irwin, who conducts the telephone exchange at Baileyville and Conductor J. C. Cooper of the westbound motor. The accident occurred immediately west of Baileyville on a high grade, which leads to a curve to the southeast. Engineers Murphy, westbound and Downs, eastbound, say that they were unable to see the impending collision in time to prevent accident. Both assert that they jumped for their lives. Both remained with their cars until a few seconds before the two motors met. The westbound car, according to Murphy was traveling at a speed of about thirty-five miles an hour when its engineer first caught sight of the oncoming motor. It was probably making fifteen miles when the collision occurred, although passengers on either motor claim that they had no intimation of a check in the speed of either car. It is likely that the two trains came together at a combined speed of forty or fifty miles an hour and it is a decided miracle that neither were thrown from the grade to the bottom of the embankment twenty feet below. Should such a fatality have occurred many would undoubtedly have been killed outright.

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Over the past year, the society has applied for two grants to fund the installation of heating and air conditioning in the military museum. Neither grant was funded. Unfortunately, without heat or air conditioning, the temperatures inside the building are hindering our ability to preserve our military history and our ability to welcome the public to the museum. Since the board would like to protect the artifacts and to be able to welcome visitors throughout the year, they voted to pursue the installation of heating and eventually air conditioning units to help control the climate in the building. **The total cost of the project is \$26,000.** Funds received from memorials, the 2019 Golf tournament and some idle funds have been dedicated to this project.

The board has given Eisenbarth Plumbing the 'green light' to start the project with the available funds. Since those funds are insufficient to finish the project, the board is asking for help from the community.

Please consider donating today!

Military Temple of Honor—Go Fund Me Campaign

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To help us preserve the military history of Nemaha County.

A BIG Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their support during 2019!

We invite you to continue supporting the work of the Nemaha County Historical Society.

Save the Date—

April 25, 2020 — Golf Tournament

May 7-10, 2020 — Big Kansas Road

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Big Kansas Road Trip

Is Coming to Nemaha County in May

Participants are invited to 'just jump in their car and start exploring' Nemaha, Brown and Doniphan counties.

"The idea is to get people onto the back roads and into Kansas towns to actually SEE PLACES, to actually EAT IN LOCAL CAFES and to talk to and GET TO KNOW THE LOCALS."

The Nemaha County Historical Society is beginning to plan for this event. We plan to showcase our museums during this event.

- Seneca Hand Dug Well
- Temple of Honor Military Museum
- Nemaha County Sheriff's Residence and Jail
- Nemaha County Historical Society Museum Annexes I and II

Join us in making plans for this fantastic way to showcase our Nemaha County way of life.

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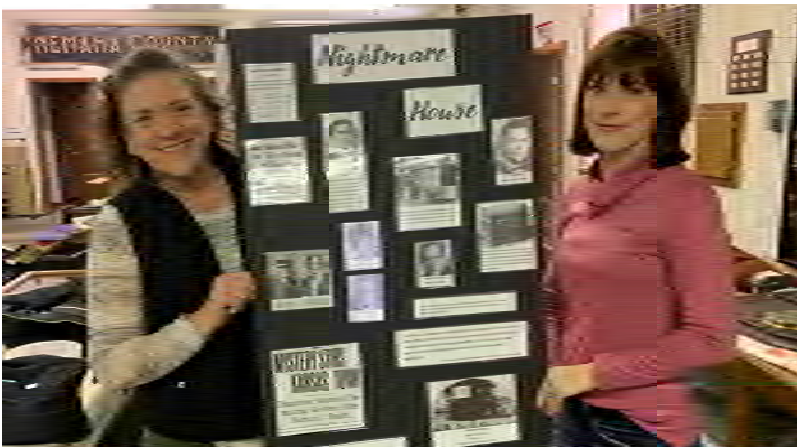
Dressie and Draney Nemaha Steam Bottling Works

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The bottle that they used was manufactured by the American Bottle Company of Streator, Ill., 1905-1929. The Steam Works bottles were moulded (you can see the side seam mould marks). [displayed in kitchen]

Victorian Cards

[Displayed in Annex II]



Sheriff C. E.
Carman

Recent visitors to the museum were the grand-daughter and family of Sheriff C. E. Carman. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing the home where their ancestor lived and were thrilled with a new exhibit being developed about the role their ancestor played in the conviction of Myrtle Lattimer for pension fraud. After the death of her mother, Marietta Bishop, Myrtle Lattimer hid her death and her body so that Myrtle could continue collecting the military pension that her mother had been receiving. Because Marietta's dismembered body was kept in the house, where

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Coronavirus Impact

Whether individually or thru our businesses, churches and friends, we have all been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. For the historical society, the obvious impact has been the postponement of spring functions until the fall.

Wanting to maintain a safe environment not only for our guests but also for those working in the museums, the historical society board is studying the various recommended guidelines. At a board meeting held on June 2, 2020, the board recommended the following procedures:

- Practice good hand hygiene thru washing hands or use of sanitizer upon entering building
- Practice social distancing by trying to remain 6 feet from others
- Tour participants will be required to use a mask (Masks will be available for purchase—\$2 each)
- Follow fundamental cleaning practices, especially in regards to high-touch surfaces
- Follow mass gatherings guidelines from the Nemaha County Community Health department
- Restrict the number of people in areas where social distancing becomes difficult

These guidelines are subject to change.

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Big Kansas Road Trip Schedule

The Nemaha County Historical Society will have its various sites open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12

- Seneca Hand Dug Well
- Temple of Honor Military Museum
- Nemaha County Sheriff's Residence and Jail
- Nemaha County Historical Society Museum Annexes I and II

Participants in the Big Kansas Road Trip will be able to tour any/all of our sites on Thursday and Friday between 10 am and 4 pm by visiting the Sheriff's Residence and Jail.

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First House in Seneca

Seneca Tribune, Sept. 24, 1908, page 1

This is a picture of the first house in Seneca; the fence and trees shown and the house in the background were after events, the building proper being all there was to locate Seneca in the fall of 1857.

The Seneca Town company, composed of Messrs. **Ingersoll, Torrey & Lappin**, erected this building to designate the townsite; but the land upon which the building was located was 'jumped' by

Samuel **Lappin**, and occupied by his father's family as the first residence of the town. They lived in the house until the fall of 1860, when they moved into the present residence of J.W. **Larimer**, then built on the site of the Gilford hotel.

The **Lappin** family consisted of Finley **Lappin** and wife, and his children Samuel, Nancy, Amanda and Hattie. They lived in the east end of the structure, which was a double log house with a wide hall through the center; the west was used as a grocery store kept by **Lappin & Torrey**.

Travelers were kept at the **Lappin** home, and meals served and sold when requested. Water for all purposes was carried from a well at a mill in the lowlands east of town, and the grocery supplies brought by team from White Cloud.

The Seneca townsite was a perfectly bare tract of prairie — not a shrub or tree of any variety showing in any part of the town.

In after years, Mr. Samuel **Lappin** planned to build a hotel on the site of their house, and the old log home was torn down to make room for the hotel that was never built. He hauled the sand for the work; but it was gradually wiped up by thrifty hide dealers, who used to draw the raw skins over the pile to add value in their sale to the River dealers, who never suspected the increased weight of their purchases.

After Mr. **Lappin's** family vacated the log house it was made the first stopping-place of about every newcomer to Seneca. Anyone seeking shelter was always welcome to make the old house a temporary home.

When the grocery store was moved out of the west end of the building it was used by local workmen who had no place of their own to do inside shopwork.



Naturalization Petitions

Courier Tribune, Sept. 4, 1919, page 10

Applications for Admission to Citizenship September 1, 1919

- No. 158—Ewald Karl Ferdinand **Kitzel** (Germany) - Sabetha /
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- No. 163—Bernard **Haverkamp** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, H. P. **Zahm**
- No. 170—Otto **Heuppelsheuser** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses:
Peter P. **Stein**, W. L. **Kauffman**
- No. 171 Louis **Zwonitzer** (Germany) - Goff / Witnesses: L. N. **Simon**,
J. T. **Buening**
- No. 172—August **Krotzinger** (Germany) - Bancroft / Witnesses: Fred
Schumacher, William **Keeling**
- No. 173—Clem **Boeckmann**, Jr. (Germany) - Kelly / Witnesses: John
Russ, R. J. **McGrath**
- No. 174—Joseph **Boeckman** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: John
Henry **Hermesch** / Bernard **Boeckman**
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Herold, S. J. **Holthaus**
- No. 177—Julia **Cheray** (Austria) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas H.
Herold, F. J. **Holthaus**
- No. 178—John August **Mueller** (Austria) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas
H. **Herold** / Robert L. **Wheeler**
- No. 179—Engelbert Henry **Hasenkamp** (Germany) - Baileyville /
Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, George **Schmitz**
- No. 184—Louis **Hasenkamp** (Germany) - Axtell / Witnesses: L. D.
Allen / August **Kramer**
- No. 185—Frederick John **Melcher** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses:
Chas H. **Herold**, August **Kramer**
- No. 186—August **Wessel** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, Henry **Osterhaus**
- No. 187—August **Hunninghake** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, L. D. **Allen**
- No. 188: John **Gress** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: George **Hutton** / August **Haefele**
- No. 189—Joseph **Kohake** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas. H. **Herold**, H. J. **Meyer**
- No. 190—Henry **Schratz** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Strathmann** / John
Rennenger
- No. 192—Clemens **Rucker** (Austria) - Sabetha / Witnesses: S. R. **Myers**, G. R. **Sewell**
- No. 195—Clemens **Sudbeck** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: H. P. **Zahm**, Thomas **Rogers**
- No. 197—Nickolaus **Eisenbarth** (Germany) - Kelly / Witnesses: Chas H. **Herold** / R. M.
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- No. 198 Clemens August **Wichman** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, Jos.
Karnowski
- No. 199 Agnes Merie **Olberding** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses F. J. **Holthaus** / Frank
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Spring Creek Golf Course,
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Sept. 26, 2020

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Registration 9:00 AM shotgun start 10:00 AM

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Military Museum Golf Classic

Generous cash prizes
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Four-person format.

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Sept. 26, 2020

COST: \$50/person | \$200/team

Registration includes: Green fees / Golf
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Registration Form

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Korean War—Service Notes

Courier Tribune, March 30, 1953, page 5

Key West, Fla. (FHTNC) - The escort vessels USS Contes, DeLong and J. Douglas Blackwood are training sonar students in anti-submarine warfare. Service aboard the Cones is James G. **Roush**, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. **Roush** of Wetmore, Ks.

Sonar is an underwater method of detection using sound waves. It is a key factor in anti-submarine warfare today.

The escort vessels are a class of ship developed during World War II as submarine killers and are well suited to the task of training future sonarmen.

Mrs. Everton **Bell** of Goff received word from her two sons, Cpt. Earl E. **Bell** and Pfc. Roy R. **Bell** that they met recently in Korea. Pfc. Roy R. **Bell** is with the 45th Inf. Div. and is on the lines on **Heartbreak Ridge**. He was given three days leave from the lines to visit with his brother, Earl, who is stationed with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery. The boys are stationed about 150 miles apart.

San Diego, Calif., March 28 (through Fleet News Center) — The destroyer tender USS Piedmont was scheduled to return today from her third tour of duty in the Far East. Aboard her is Jerry S. **Lackey**, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William **Lackey** of Seneca, Kansas. The ship will be greeted at the Navy pier by families and friends of the crew and the welcoming band's familiar strains of "California Here I Come." During her stay overseas the Piedmont has provided repair services to the U.S. destroyers and other U.N. units. She was flagship of Commander UN blockade and Escort Force.

While in the Far East, the Piedmont earned a reputation for service to the fleet. The crew entertained Japanese and Korean orphans with Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

Courier Tribune, April 2, 1951 page 1

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll **Winterscheidt** and daughters have as their guests, Mrs. **Winterscheidt's** mother, Mrs. Marie **Hennigan**, Topeka and her brother, Sgt. Burnell **Hennigan**, who is a marine and only recently returned from Korea; also Mr. and Mrs. C. M. **Young** and daughter, Susan Marie, Albuquerque, New Mexico. They all spent last week here. Mr. and Mrs. **Young** and daughter expect to leave today for their home, but Mrs. **Hennigan** and Sgt. **Hennigan** will stay for a longer visit.

Report Their "Boot" Complete

Navy "Hometown News" - reports include a note on Edward L. **Frehe**, and Gerald **Lackey**, both of whom recently completed preliminary training at San Diego.

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Tractor Cruise a Success

Close to 60 'cruisers' joined us on a tour of rural Sabetha for our Eleventh Annual Tractor Cruise Benefit in July. We would like to thank these cruisers, Dale and Betty Aue and the sponsors of the tractor cruise for their support. A special thanks goes to Richard Schmitz and his family for all of the work they do organizing this event.



Working Toward Handicapped Access



A member of the board has located a Porch Lift that could be placed on the South side of the steps to the Temple of Honor Military Museum. This lift would allow handicapped individuals access to our military museum. If agreeable with the businesses that had agreed to sponsor a hole in our golf tournament, their donation will be used toward the purchase and installation of this lift. A plaque will be placed on the lift recognizing those businesses for their support.

The board also is planning to submit a STEP grant application to install a handicapped restroom on the main floor of the military museum.

2020 Golf Tournament cancelled

Looking forward to better times in 2021

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**Accessions**

Even though our doors were closed during March, it has been a busy time around the museum. Thanks to several very large donations of military and railroad items, we have added over 300 items to our collection during the first half of 2020. In addition, another generous donor obtained two glass display cases.

Thus, our curator has been kept busy re-arranging and updating displays.



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Baileyville

Seneca Tribune Supplement August 12, 1880

Hay! Hay! Is the war cry at Baileyville.

Messers. **Bailey** are adding another mowing machine to their haying outfit.

More teams are needed in this section. We have heard several making inquiries for more help in this line. Any one having good teams and wanting work had better call around.

Roadmaster **Williams** has been enjoying himself hunting prairie chickens in this section. It was lots of hunt and few chickens.

Baileyville is in need of a grain and stock dealer. The farmers of the surrounding country are anxious for some live man to come here and open up in that business. He would be sure of a good trade. Let some one give this point a call.

Johnny **Magee**, a son of Thomas **Magee**, was bitten in the face by a rattlesnake the other day while binding oats. The snake and boy are both doing well.

S. H. **Rice** & Co., are running a large force at present. They now have sixteen men and nine teams in their hay gang and are still in need of more help. They are contracting for large amount of hay, for which they are paying \$2 per ton in the stack. They will pay cash for all the hay they can get.

The railroad company have extended the side-track at this place, up to the warehouse, and Mr. **Clark**, depot builder for the company has put in a 40-foot platform at the main street crossing.

Bert E. **Rice** has been appointed post master at this office, to fill the place of G. M. **Rasp**, resigned. The office will still be retained in the store.



Seneca Tribune, June 3, 1881, p. 2

Some Facts about the Hay Trade

Mr. Bert E. **Rice** of Baileyville, manager of the firm of Rice & Co., at Baileyville, gave us some items concerning the hay trade at that place well worthy of note. Mr. **Rice** came to Nemaha County from Ohio, about a year since, to take charge of the business affairs for Rice & Co., at Baileyville, a new station, some six miles west of Seneca, on the Denver R.R. and he has had his hands full of business. He was appointed P.M., Station Agent, and had charge of a lumber yard and store, but the prime object of the concern was to press hay for shipment, and the latter business soon assume such proportions, Mr. **Rice** was compelled to give that the major portion of his time. Rice & Co. are an old established firm at St. Joseph, Mo. And to them is shipped the hay product baled at Baileyville. Last season was their trial year in the hay business in Nemaha County and the result was satisfactory, and the company intend enlarging their facilities by the addition of more machinery. The hay presses are run by steam power, and some idea of the magnitude of the work may be gleamed from the fact that they can press ready for shipment fifteen tons of hay per day with the machinery now in use. Last year was not a loss year for hay in Kansas but Rice & Co. shipped from Baileyville last season sixty two cars of baled hay, with an average of eleven tons to the car, or a total of nearly seven hundred tons of hay from that Station alone.

... This hay was all of the best quality — indeed the farmers of Nemaha County do not have any poor hay, as a rule. Mr. **Rice** informs us that the hay prospect this season is most flattering, and he anticipates a largely increased business this season. He tells us another fact in this connection, of interest to all, that is, that hay is scarce in river towns and if the hay now on hand in Nemaha County was pressed ready for shipment would give the farmers a large measure of pocket change, comping mighty handy at this season of the year. When we reflect that Nemaha County is the banner county of Kansas in its shipment of cattle and hogs and the fact of its having a large surplus of hay and corn yet on hand, speaks volumes for its prosperity. Rice & Co. are good men to be interested in the county, and there is room, plenty of it, for more of the same class.

Naturalization Petitions

Courier Tribune, Sept. 4, 1919, page 10

Applications for Admission to Citizenship

Continued from June 2020 Newsletter

No. 200— Bernard Flottesmesch (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, Chas. H. **Herold**

No. 201—Henry Bernard **Fangmann** (Germany) - Seneca/ Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, W. **R. Woltkamp**

No. 202 Thomas **Henry** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: L. D. **Allen**, Elmer **Shurtleff**

No. 203—Andrew A **Henry** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas. H. **Herold**, Harry P. **Zahm**

No. 204—Frank **Kral** (Germany) - Vermillion / Witnesses: Hugo **Weyer**, Nels **Polson**

No. 205—Frank Antone **Mohlmann** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, Henry Stuke

No. 206 Bernard **Dalinghaus** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: J. M. **Everts**, George **Heiman**

No. 207 Henry **Brokamp**, Jr. (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: J. M. **Everts**, George **Heiman**

No. 208—Bernard **Brokamp** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: J. M. **Everts**, George **Heiman**

No. 209—Joseph **Stueve** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses Chas H. **Herold**, Ben J. **Stein**

No. 210—Joseph **Hunninghake** (Germany) Baileyville / Witnesses: Henry **Dick**, W. B. **Gallagher**

No. 211 Henry Frank **Deters** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: Frank H. **Holthaus**, F. J. **Holthaus**

No. 212—George John **Weber** (Switzerland) - Onaga / Witnesses: F. M. **Labbe**, Henry **Labbe**

213—Aurel **Surdez** (Switzerland) - Onaga / Witnesses: C. O. **Gurtler**, R. A. **Bonjour**

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Naturalization Petitions.

Application for Admission to Citizenship,
September 1, 1919.

No.	Name	Witnesses
168—	Ewald Karl Ferdinand Kitzel (Germany)—Sabetha	W. E. Johnson H. E. Corwin
163—	Bernard Haverkamp (Germany)—Seneca	F. J. Holthaus H. P. Zahm
170—	Otto Heuppelsheuser (Germany)—Seneca	Peter P. Stein W. L. Kauffman
171—	Louis Zwonitzer (Germany)—Goff	L. N. Simon J. T. Buehing
172—	August Krotzinger (Germany)—Bancroft	Fred Schumacher William Keegin
173—	Clem Boeckmann, Jr. (Germany)—Kelly	John Russ R. J. McGrath
174—	Joseph Boeckman (Germany)—Seneca	John Henry Hermes Bernard Boeckman
175—	Joseph Hermes (Germany)—Kelly	John Henry Hermes Bernard Boeckman
176—	Joseph Steinlage (Germany)—Corning	Chas. H. Herold F. J. Holthaus
177—	Julia Cheray (Austria)—Seneca	Chas. H. Herold F. J. Holthaus
178—	John August Mueller (Austria)—Seneca	Chas. H. Herold Robert L. Wheeler
179—	Engelbert Henry Hasenkamp (Germany)—Baileyville	F. J. Holthaus George Schmitz
184—	Louis Hasenkamp (Germany)—Axtell	L. D. Allen August Kramer
185—	Frederick John Melcher (Germany)—Seneca	Chas. H. Herold August Kramer
186—	August Wessel (Germany)—Baileyville	F. J. Holthaus Henry Osterhaus
187—	August Hunninghake (Germany)—Baileyville	F. J. Holthaus L. D. Allen
188—	John Gress (Germany)—Seneca	George Hutton August Haelele
189—	Joseph Kohake (Germany)—Seneca	Chas. H. Herold H. J. Meyer
190—	Henry Schratz (Germany)—Baileyville	F. J. Strathman John Rennenger
192—	Clemens Rucker (Austria)—Sabetha	S. R. Myers G. R. Sewell
195—	Clemens Sudbeck (Germany)—Seneca	H. P. Zahm Thomas Rogers
197—	Nickolaus Eisenbarth (Germany)—Kelly	Chas. H. Herold R. M. Emery, Jr.
198—	Clemens August Wichman (Germany)—Seneca	F. J. Holthaus Jos. Karnowski
199—	Agnes Marie Olberding (Germany)—Baileyville	F. J. Holthaus Frank Kruse

List of Jurors

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Post Office

Wetmore

Goff

Sabetha

Goff

Sabetha

Seneca

Sabetha

Seneca

Sabetha

Soldier

Corning

Summoned to appear at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Monday,
September 15, 1919.

Courier Tribune, Sept. 4, 1919, p. 10

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Korean War

Courier Tribune, August 17, 1950, p. 1

Will Move Down the List Quickly

In Case of Heavy Draft Calls

There is a good deal of talk from the man on the street that the country should be put into all-out mobilization — that in the present undeclared war that perhaps many people do not realize the emergency — and that the boys in Korea need the morale that home mobilization could give.

There is other comment, noticed especially from daily press, that it is well to move slowly on restriction — that there are always too many people looking for an excuse to promote regimentation and controls

In these things as they may, it is apparent that a few heavy draft calls will shake people from any complacency, because it is going to be hard to fill many orders under the present set-up.

The drafting has started with men nearest 26, working from that age down. Married men have not been called, nor those with certain previous service, nor men with certain occupation deferments.

Because most men near 26 are married, or have either served before or were rejected in World War II, the list of eligible among the older men is slim.

In getting a dozen men ready here for the first call for physicals, the board dropped from age 26 down into 22's — just for one call.

While there will be more men available from 22 back to age 19, because few of them would have served in the last war, the list will still be combed fast.

Radio reports indicate changes are being considered in the setup. One is a plan for allotments for wives and children, so married men can be taken.

Son of Mrs. Glenn Fisher Missing in Korea

Sgt. Charles **Fisher**, son of Mrs. Glenn **Fisher** and the late Mr. **Fisher**, former Seneca residents, is reported missing in action in Korea. Sgt. Fisher was serving with the 24th Division. Mrs. Glenn **Fisher** now lives at Junction City. Vic **Boeding**, Seneca, and Charles **Fisher** were roommates at Maar Hill at Atchison for two years.

Courier Tribune, September 18, 1950, page 1

All Pass

The county's first new draft quota of four men left last week for induction and word today is that all passed final examinations and have been inducted into the army.

The four are: Urban **Hasenkamp**, Axtell; Bernard F. **Meyer**, Seneca; Leonard B. **Schmits**, Seneca; Franklin E. **Rowley** of Goff

Two More Called

Call last week was received for two more men for induction. They have been notified, are to leave here on the 16th.

Enlists in Air Corps

Robert **Boeding**, son of Mrs. Paula **Boeding**, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps and is in Kansas City today for his physical. Robert has been employed in Grand Island, Nebr., by the Union Pacific railroad. He spent the last week visiting in Seneca with his mother and other relatives.

Courier Tribune, September 21, 1950, page 1

Along the News Front

First Soldier from Here to Be Wounded in Korea

Fred **McGehee** has been informed by telegram that his son, Cpl. Billy L. **McGehee**, was wounded in action in Korea on September 3. Cpl. **McGehee** who has spent the past four years in the army, was sent to Korea about a month ago. Mrs. Mattie **Septer**, Billy's mother received a letter Wednesday morning from one of Cpl. **McGehee's** friends, giving further details of the incident. The wound is in the shoulder and Cpl. **McGehee** is hospitalized. The friend wrote that Billy is recovering and was feeling some better when the letter was written.

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Ruth Hobbs
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Jennie Manuel
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Andrew Morrel

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Fred Nipher
Nona Morrel
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Neely Manuel
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Charley Clifton
Clyde Staley

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Delbert Hait
Johnny Sherer
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Mary Todd
Maud Sherer
Myrtle Hobbs
James Hobbs
Addie Staley

Term Commencing April 14, 1890

Stella Hale, Teacher

Grace Hobbs
Jennie Manuel
Ninal Morrel
Van Manuel

Intermediate Grade

Edith Morrel
Neely Manuel
Ossie Manuel
Levia Briggs
Clyde Staley
Delbert Hait

Primary Grade

Addie Staley
Mary Todd
Myrtle Hobbs
Jimmy Hobbs
Charles Briggs
Nellie Bontrager
Susie Gillispie

Term Commencing Sept 15, 1891

Samuel Briggs, Teacher

Anna H. Briggs
Stella Hale
Clara Nipher
Nina Morrel
Grace Long
Jennie Linn
Van Manuel
Ernest Staley
Linton Manuel
Andrew Morrel
Waltr Manuel
Arthur Morse

Edith Morrel
Addie Staley
Nittie Briggs
Neely Manuel
Oscr Manuel
Clyde Staley
Fred Nipher

Anna Weart
Kate Weart
Grace Weart
Charles Briggs
James Hobbs
Susie Gillaspie
Mary Todd
Delbert Hait
Jessie Kline

Term Commencing Sept 7 1891

Virginia Bronaugh, Teacher

Anna Briggs
Nina Morrel
Van Manuel
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Intermediate Grade

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Clyde Staley
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2020 Year in Review

2020 has been an unusual year for everyone. Like everyone in our community, the historical society has been impacted by the virus. As we approach 2021, we would like to pause and reflect on the positives. We are very thankful

- For the businesses that have continued to support the historical society thru their memberships and donations
- For the business and community support for the installation of heating and air conditioning at the military museum
- For everyone who participated in and supported the Tractor Cruise in July
- For Richard Schmitz and his family for organizing the tractor cruise
- For Doug Ackerman for his professional support of the museums
- For Kylee Luckeroth and the support she provides in helping us seek out Covid related funding
- For the STEP grant (written by Kylee) to obtain hand sanitizer stations for our buildings
- For the Nemaha County Spark Grant funds to reimburse for Covid related expenses and to purchase air purifiers for our work area
- For the ability for non-profits to participate in the SPARK Small Business Working Capital Grant
- For the health of our officers and board members
- For everyone who supports the work of the historical society

THANK YOU

Save the Date:

May 6-9—Big Kansas Road Trip

June 11-12—Seneca's 150th Celebration

Thank you For Your Support!
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Nemaha County Historical Society Museum

Hours

Tuesdays—10 am to 4 pm

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- Rotating Displays
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- **Tour**— Come out and enjoy our various sites

But most of all help us continue to collect the history of the county by donating (or lending so we can digitally copy) church histories, school histories, scrapbooks, letters, military documents, diaries, deeds, wills, family histories, business photos, business histories, and personal memories.

Main Street Research

The historical society was pleased to work with two Kansas State University students researching Seneca's Main Street. McKenna Lueger's paper was on how businesses in Seneca have changed over time. Our second researcher, Magdeline Hammes, researched the mural advertisements on the sides of Main Street buildings.



We want to thank everyone who assisted these two Nemaha county students with their projects. We would also like to wish McKenna and Maggie success in their future endeavors.

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The Wolf Hunt Spirit Spreads

From the *Courier Tribune*, Thursday, Jan. 8, 1931

Drive Friday Near Oneida. Seneca Hunt Tuesday

Folks who keep fighting the wolf from the door have nothing on Nemaha County hunters. They are trying to crowd the wolf completely out of the county.

The Nemaha County wolf is NOT a real wolf, of course. The real wolf kills large animals, runs in packs with other wolves and if stories be true follows the lone traveler when his appetite gets keen.

No one ever suspected any Nemaha County animals of trying to eat people. There is probably an occasional true wolf in the county But the Nemaha wolf is mainly the prairie coyote. He is a cussed, onery varmint, preying on rabbits, and specializing in poultry. The farmers who have seen chickens lying dead and scattered around the barnyard after they were let out early some morning would like to see the coyote species become extinct.

A successful hunt near Bern last Friday resulted in at least five coyotes giving up the chase. Five were brought into the center and the report is that another or two were found when the hunters walked homeward.

Spurred by this hunt, the Chas. **Fankhouser** Legion post of Bern has organized another hunt for this Friday. The north-west corner is at the **Hasenyager** place, the southwest corner near the Cockelburr school some three miles north and a mile west of Oneida. The hunt will cover a square six miles each way. The corners move at ten o'clock, sides at 10:20. The round-up will be between the Amos **Strahm** and Willis **Garber** farms.

The Bern post organizes its hunts carefully. A man is selected to captain each mile and is responsible for getting enough men turning out at the start of the hunt to hold the mile. This makes six captains on each side.

Rifles are not allowed on the hunt. Unnecessary shooting around feed lots is discouraged. Coyotes killed are auctioned and the proceeds go to the Legion Post.

Captains on the lines Friday are Will **Gugelman**, Charles **Croffoot**, Frank **Wardlow**, Carl **Lortscher**, O. O. **Strahm**, Bert **Keeser**, Cass **Feldman**, Herman **Strahm**, Glenn **Turner**, Leonard **Harter**, Irwin **Hook**, Harrison **Meier**, John **Zimmerman**, Eli **Strahm**, David **Grimm**, Willis **Turner**, J. N. **Bieri**, Will **Bauman**, Jr., Fred **Kuenzi**, Iris **Bauman**, Ben **Harter**, Pete **Bieri** and F. T. **Frelburg**.

The Seneca American Legion post is working on a hunt for near Seneca. Charles **Jermene**, commander of the post was out yesterday afternoon making arrangements.

This morning the hunt had been fully organized. It will be next Tuesday, January 13, starting from the corners at ten o'clock and the sides at 10:20. It will be a hunt covering a big territory. The whole of Nemaha township is included and in addition a mile on the west out of Clear Creek township. This places all except the west line on the township border. The south line is some five miles north of Seneca, with the southeast corner two miles east of Clem **Sudbeck's** and the southwest corner a mile west of Francis **Skoch's**. The round-up will be near Matilda **Bredemeier's** and the old Scotch church.



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Big Showing for Richmond

From the *Courier Democrat* Dec 5, 1918

The canvass and its result in Richmond township for the United War Work exhibits a liberality and generosity on the part of the habitants worthy of commendation. The solicitos did good service and the response speaks for itself:

Richmond Township—Center

United War Work campaign, team number 1, C. E. Mathews and F. J. Holthaus

Herman Hinrichs

Timothy Helmann

Timothy Helmann jr

Rose Rennenger

Mary M. Kongs

N. C. Mathews

W. H. Smith

J. B. Haefele

Mrs. Bernardina Ronnebaum

Edwin J. Draney

H. D. Burger

Chas. Dubenhorst

Fred J. Melcher

William Rettele

Joseph Karnowski

S. A. Bloss

Jerome McQuaid

Herman Meeh

B. H. Tangemann

Eugene Strohmeier

Helen Draney

C. E. Mathews

August Kramer, sr

Mrs. A. M. Stallbaumer

Ignatz Sudbeck

Anna Rennenger

Louis J. Kongs

Chas. M Vorhes

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Dr. Tolle Cited for Bravery

From the *Courier Democrat* Dec. 5, 1918

The official general orders sent out by command of Major General of the American expeditionary Forces on October 14, contains the following paragraph interesting to Seneca people. "The division commander takes great pleasure in citing for gallantry in action during the six days battle from September 26th to October 1, 1918.

'First Lieutenant Cecil E. **Tolle**, medical corps, 110th Engineers. Three successive days, at the most advanced dressing station at the right of the divisional sector, he rendered first aid to approximately two hundred and fifty men and re-dressed at least that many more. Notwithstanding his advanced position not one man was hurt around his station. He saw to it that shelter was obtained for them in abandoned enemy dugouts, raided enemy quarters for blankets and food and took excellent care of the wounded." Lieutenant Tolle is a Seneca man. He is a graduate of the Kansas University Medical School and has practiced medicine in Seneca for several years.

Korean War News

Along the News Front

From the *Courier-Tribune* September 28, 1950

Inducted Into Army

Lloyd **Feldkamp** and John **Kokenge** left here Tuesday Sept. 26, for induction in the armed forces. John is single, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kokenge, Seneca. Lloyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldkamp of Baileyville, and is married. His wife is the former Rose Marie **Becker**. The two men went from Seneca to Kansas City and were then sent to Ft. Riley. It is not known at this time where they will be sent for training.

Two Reserves Called from Here to Duty

From the *Courier-Tribune*, Oct. 5, 1950

Headquarters of the Kansas Military District at 723 Quincy St., Topeka, announces that two men from Seneca have been called to report for military duty with the U.S. Army Elmer W **Lindeen** PFC, and Harry F **Huerter**, corporal. Both are to report at Fort Lewis, Washington, October 19.

Her Brother Featured in Korean War News

From the *Courier Tribune*, Oct. 5, 1950

The Friday Topeka Capital has a picture and story, "Heroic Topekan" featuring Marine Corps Sergeant Burnell Hennigan, 21, of Topeka.

Sergeant **Hennigan** is a brother of Mrs. Carroll **Winterscheidt** of Seneca.

He was wounded in action described in the Topeka Capital. It is believed here that he is getting along all right and that the action was several weeks ago.

Underneath the picture was this caption:

"Marine Corps Sgt Burnell Hennigan is shown somewhere in Korea with two of his Leatherneck buddies. Hennigan took charge of his platoon when the leader was killed and saw that its three objectives were taken." With Sgt. Hennigan were a corporal and sergeant, each of whom had wiped out a machine gun nest.

The article with the picture stated:

"I imagine he's right in the thick of things again," Mrs. Marie Hennigan said Thursday when she learned that her son had served heroically in the Naktong River, fighting in Korea.

Mrs. Hennigan received a telegram earlier this month from the War Department notifying her that her son had been wounded in action.

"But I received a letter from him since then. He didn't say a thing about being injured or even being in the fighting. He just asked me not to worry about him."

According to the news dispatch from Kore, the Topeka Marine assumed the duties of his platoon sergeant who was killed in the Naktong River fighting. He then set about reorganizing the unit so it was able to accomplish its first objective. Wounded twice in seizing objective No. 2, he returned within two hours to see that objective 3 was taken as ordered.

Hennigan, who is 21, joined the Marines in 1948. He was stationed on Guam until May of this year, when he came home on a month's furlough. On return to the Pacific, he was assigned immediately to Korea.

Sergeant Hennigan attended Crane Junior High and Topeka High. While in school, he worked for the Safeway store at 113 East Sixth. Mrs. Hennigan, who was left a widow when Burnell was eight, is employed at the Golden Watch Scrap Manufacturing Co. She has four other children, three daughters and son.

Found in Archives—Head School District #38



September 1891 - Nov 2, 1891

Virginia Bronaugh, Teacher

Anna Briggs
Nina Morrel
Van Manuel
Jennie Manuel
Ernest Staley
Morgan Moore

Intermediate Grade

Edith Morrel
Neely Manuel
Oscar Manuel
Clyde Staley
Nettie Briggs
Addie Staley
Whiton Moore
Jane Moore
Lora Moore
Jennie Linn
Anna Weart
Kate Weart

Primary Grade

Anna Weart
Kate Weart
Grace Weart
Charles Briggs
Mary Todd
George Moore
Susie Gillaspie
Frank Long
Jessie Long
Manuel Gillaspie

Nov 1891—Feb 26, 1892

Celestia Toler, Teacher

Anna Briggs
Nina Morrel
Van Manuel
Jennie Manuel
Ernest Staley
Morgan Moore
Lenton Manuel

Intermediate Grade

Clyde Staley
Edith Morrell
Whiten Moore
Addie Staley
Jane Moore
Jennie Linn
Lora Moore
Neely Manuel
Oscar Manuel
Anna Weart
Kate Weart
Nettie Briggs
Cornelius Manuel
Clara Nipher
Stred Nipher

Primary Grade

George Moore
Charley Briggs
Susie Gillaspie
Mary Todd
Frank Long
Jessie Long
Maud Gillespie
Grace Weart
Aubrey Nipher
Creta
Mary

April 1892 ending May 1892

Miss Celestia Toler, Teacher

Grammar Grade

Jennie Manuel

Intermedia Grade

Addie Staley
Jennie Linn
Anna Weart

Kate Weart
Nettie Briggs
Clara Nipher
Ossie Manuel
Clyde Staley

Primary Grade

Charles Briggs
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Jessie Long
Grace Weart
Aubrey Nipher
Lester Linn
Onia Watkins
Olive

September 1892 ending March 1893

F Nicholson, Teacher

Grammar Grade

Jennie Manuel
Jennie Lynn
Clyde Staley
Annie Briggs
Van Manuel

Intermediate Grade

Nettie Briggs
Kate Weart
Annie Weart
Addie Staley
Oscar Manuel
Neely Manuel

Primary Grade

Johnnie Neil
Rolls Neil
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Curator in Action

Thankful for the warmer weather, our curator is back to work updating displays. This activity includes a brand new display case in Annex I that will house rotting exhibits. It is currently being filled with medical artifacts.



With the help of Dan Ronnebaum, we were able to purchase industrial strength shelving at a very reasonable cost. That shelving will be used for storage of artifacts.

With the help of the Nemaha Central High School freshman boys basketball team under coach Heath Lutz, a lot of moving was accomplished

With the help of Dick Miller, the 'General Store' display is being opened up and expanded.



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Annual Meeting

- **Approved resignation of Diane Rottinghaus as director**
- **Approved new board terms for Karen Holthaus, Ray Thieme, Karen Niehus and Alma Ackerman**
- **Elected Officers: Anita Heiman, President; Karen Holthaus, Vice-President; Patty Byers, Secretary and Ray Thieme, Treasurer**
- **Discussed need for repair of the stucco on the outside of the Military Temple of Honor and how to fund those repairs**
- **Discussed calendar of upcoming events**
 - **May 6-9 Big Kansas Road Trip**
 - **May 20-22 Seneca Garage Sales**
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Early History

From Tennal's History of Nemaha County

POSTMASTERS

Among the early day postmasters were David Magill, of Capioma; David Locknane, at Granada; Isaac H. Steer, at Richmond; John H. Smith at Seneca; A. W. Williams, at Sabetha; George Graham, at Albany; George L. Squire, at Centralia and H. H. Lanham, at Central City — the first postmaster in Nemaha county to hold his commission from Franklin Pearce. A mail route had been established, during these incumbents' service, from St. Joseph to Marysville, Sabetha and Albany, being the first points in the east of the county to get direct service. Seneca receiving its mail from Central City. When Centralia was established it received mail from Seneca. Granada at this time was known as Pleasant Springs.

EARLY TOWNS

Of the twelve original Nemaha county towns but four remain. The others seem to have been completely effaced, a absorbed into farms and even post offices long since abolished, a result of rural free mail delivery. Central City, Richmond, America City, Granada, Ash Point, Pacific City, Urbana, Wheatland, Centralia, Lincoln, Seneca and Sabetha were the original towns. Albany was the forebear of Sabetha, and was moved bodily to the Sabetha site two miles down the hill when the first railroad was run through the county. Seneca has remained on her original site. Centralia, however, was moved a mile from her original location. The Central Branch railroad refused to take the mile extra to reach the settlement of Centralia, so the villine, like Mohamet, went to the railroad. America City has always lived on the 380 acres where it had its birth, and has not since extended such acreage very much.

CENTRAL CITY

Central City, the first town, was never incorporated by legislative act. It was laid out in 1855, by William Dodge, and the first postoffice of the county established here. It lay in the neighborhood of what is now St. Benedict. H. H. Lanham was the first postmaster. A wagon and blackmish shop, a saw and grist mill and a store were erected upon the site. Most of these business were run by the Lanham and Newton families, who had come up the Missouri river from St. Louis on the old steamboat, "Banner State," that year. The store, however was run by Benjamin Shaffer for a while, later passing into the hands of Lanham & Newton.

1883 Post Office

The cabinet of post office boxes from the St. Benedict post office was restored and donated to the Nemaha County Historical Society by Amelia Sudbeck. This cabinet had been located in Bergman's Store in St. Benedict. The cabinet is part of the 'country store' display housed in the jail area of the museum.



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Big Showing for Richmond

From the *Courier Democrat* Dec 5, 1918

Continued from Dec. 2020 issue

The canvass and its result in Richmond township for the United War Work exhibits a liberality and generosity on the part of the habitants worthy of commendation. The solicitors did good service and the response speaks for itself:

Richmond Township—West Side

United War Work campaign. Tame member 2. Joseph Karnowski and Jerome McQuaid

Frank Rochel	\$8.00
Joseph Koelzer	7.00
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C. B. Ronnebaum	10.00
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Henry J. Engelken	25.00
Henry Hulsing	8.00

George Stallbaumer	12.00
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Henry Harpenau	30.00
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Wm. Gerkens	3.00
Barney Haug	5.00
Benedict Broxterman	2.00
Mrs. Julia Cheray	4.00
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Joseph Kohake	2.50
Bernard Ronnebaum	5.00
John Pugh	2.00
Frank H. Holthaus	20.00
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F. A. Olberding	35.00
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Frank Bergmann, sr	50.00
Henry Wessel	11.00
Frank Kohake	11.40
John Kokenge	7.50
Mary Hulsing	20.00
Rev. Fr. Gregory O.S.B.	25.00
F. H. Fangmann	31.00
Bernard Bergmann	25.00
Frank Mohrman	3.00
August Droge	15.00
Bernardina Haverkamp	1.00
J. Baptist Haug	.50
John Engelken	6.00
Charles Rethman	21.00
Bernard Holthaus	3.00
Total	\$848.40

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Korean War Notes

Cpl. McGehee Has Operation, Is Recovering

(from the *Courier Tribune*, Oct. 30, 1950)

Mrs. Mattie Septer received word last week that her son, Cpl. Billy McGehee had undergone surgery at Fitzsimmons hospital in Denver and a bullet, which was close to his heart, had been removed. Cpl. McGehee had been injured while serving with the U.S. Army in Korea, and was flown to Denver for the operation. He stood the operation well and is making a nice recovery. He is able to be up part of the time and can have visitors. Cpl. McGehee hopes to be able to spend Christmas at Seneca. His address is Room 7, 3rd Floor, Fitzsimmons hospital, Denver, Colo.

St. Benedict Store

MOTOR TRUCK FOR COUNTRY STOREKEEPER

(from the 14 Sept. 1911 issue of the Seneca Tribune)

The first man in the community to make use of a motor truck for business purposes is Clemens Blocker, the St. Benedict merchant. Friday morning his machine came, a large red motor truck, similar to these used in the large cities. Mr. Blocker will use it in freighting his goods from the Seneca station to his St. Benedict store, a task that has hitherto been done by teams. It will mean a great saving of time and is a machine that can be utilized in a great many ways.

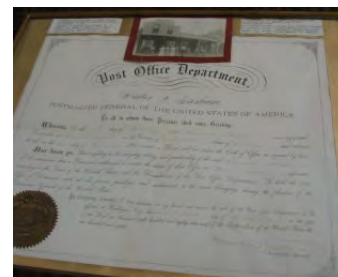
CLEMENS BLOCKER AND THE ST. BENEDICT STORE

(from the 16 April 1925 issue of the Semi Weekly Courier Tribune)

Merchant who Passed Away Last Wednesday Owned the Townsite Farm

When death came to Clemens Blocker at his home in St. Benedict at 3:30 Wednesday morning, April 8th, it removed one of the founders of that town. True there was a settlement at St. Benedict but it was known as Wildcat. When the post office department gave the little hamlet mail service it was Mr. Blocker who became the first postmaster and who gave the town its name, St. Benedict.

Clemens Blocker was born in Oldenburg, Germany, January 14, 1852, the thirteenth of fourteen children. He survived all the others. Clemens Blocker came to America in 1870 and began working for a brother in a general store in Seneca. Then he went to Dubuque county, Iowa where he worked a year as a farm hand. But the young man wanted to better his condition. He prepared himself for teaching school and followed that profession in Iowa for seven years. It was in Dubuque county (Iowa) that he married Anna Hoefler Sept. 19, 1882. The following year he came back to Nemaha county and for a year taught in Dist. 74. He afterward established a small store in St. Benedict, which he conducted until 1897, when he sold his stock and returned to farming. In 1893 he had purchased 60 acres of land and two years later added a forty. He owned at one time the St. Benedict townsite and built a number of the dwellings.



Letters from Korea

(from the Courier Tribune, 26 Oct 1950)

Mrs. Margaret Becker, Topeka, received a letter last week from her son, Sgt. Joseph Becker, who is stationed in Korea. Sgt. Becker wrote that he expected to be with the first division to cross the 38th parallel; that he was fine but awfully busy and expected to be in Korea for some time.

(from the Courier Tribune, 7 Dec 1950)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Enneking have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Robert H. Enneking, stating that he is now stationed in Korea.

Corporal Raymond Feldkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldkamp arrived in Korea last week.

(from the Courier Tribune 11 Dec 1950)

Jim McNally, 21 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNally, formerly of south of Centralia is a member of the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division, which has been trapped in northeast Korea. American forces have been reported joining to work their way out of the red pincers.

(from the Courier Tribune 28 Dec 1950)

Sgt. Robert Wichman was in Northeast Korea

News of the successful withdrawal of U.S. troops from northeast Korea is especially good news to Ben Wichman family, Seneca. Sgt. Bob Wichman is with the 2nd Division, one of the units that was battling in the area.

Found in Archives—Head School District #38



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September 1894—March 1893

Flora Nicholson, Teacher

Grammar Grade

Jennie Manuel
Van Manuel
Jennie Linn
Clyde Staley
Neely Manuel
Ossie Manuel

Intermediate Grade

Addie Staley
Kate Weart
Amie Weart
Rolla Neill
Johnnie Neill

Primary Grade

Frank Long
Grace Weart
Onia Watkins
Mary Todd
Luther Linn
Aubrey Nipher
Jessie Long
Roy Manuel

April 1893—May 1893

Mrs L S [D]or, Teacher

Grammar Grade

Jennie Manuel
Katie eart
Nettie Briggs
Addie Staley
Jennie Linn
Ethel Nipher

Oscar Manuel
Gertrude Nipher

Intermediate Grade

Johnnie Neill
Rollo Neill
Charley Briggs
Oney Watkins

Primary Grade

Frank Long
Lester Linn
Grace Weart
Aubrey Nipher
Ivy Nipher
Mary Todd
Roy Manuel
Jessie Neill
Jessie Neill

September 1893—December 1893

Ella M. Murphy, Teacher

Grammar Grade

Ernest Staley
Clyde Staley
Addie Staley
Clarence Wiley
Mable Wiley
Gertie Nipher
Ethel Nipher
Jennie Manuel
Van Manuel
Neely Manuel
Ossie Manuel
Nettie Briggs
Kate Weart

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Frank Long
Aubrey Nipher
Ivy Nipher
Lester Lynn
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Onie Watkins
Charlie Briggs
Mary Todd

Primary Grade

Jessie Long
Roy Manuel
Jessie Neill
Lucy Briggs
Austin Smith

Sept 1894 to April 1895

Flora Nicholson, Teacher

Grammar Grade

Neil Briggs
Mabel Wiley
Addie Staley
Hulet Henry
Ossie Manuel
Neely Manuel

Intermediate Grade

Ola Moss
Jessie Moss
Rolla Neill
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Join us for our annual cruise on July 24, 2020 starting in St. Benedict. We will travel West out of St. Benedict to Axtell, where we will park and have lunch. Leaving Axtell at approximately 1 pm we will head north to St. Bridget church and cemetery. The church will be open for anyone wanting to tour. We will then go 1/4 mile North and then East to C Road, then South one mile on C Road. Then we will go East to F Road, south to 192nd Road, East to H Road then East and South into St. Benedict. Registration is \$40 per tractor. Contact Richard Schmitz at 785-336-6596 (home) or 785-336-1016 (cell) for additional information.

THANKS DICK MILLER

We would like to thank Dick Miller for tackling the repair of the front steps to the Military Temple of Honor. Not only did Dick see that the project was completed but he donated the labor for this project.



Crumbling Steps

Crumbling Sides of Steps



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Board Action

- **Approved Dick Miller's proposal to refurbish the West side of the Military Museum for an approximate cost of \$12,500**
- **Discussed removal or trimming of 2 trees at Military Museum**

Welcomed Visitors for Big Kansas Road Trip and Seneca 151st

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New Eden Church

The Courier-Tribune Sept. 13, 1954

A Seventy-Year Celebration for New Eden Church

"Serving in Sunshine and Shadow for Seven Decades—The New Eden Church Building South of Corning



New Eden Church, with its building four miles south of Corning on highway 63, celebrates a seventieth anniversary this coming Sunday, September 19.

One might think of the membership of a church, and the church building in somewhat the same light, a church that for seventy years has stood by the side of the road south of Corning, spreading its light and friendship in the community.

That vain of thought runs through an informal history of New Eden that the paper has received, no doubt written with the help of numbers of the community and sent us by Mrs. Margaret Harries:

1884-1954

In 1884, a group of people worshipping in Greenwood schoolhouse decided to build a church. In the fall of 1884, a decision was reached to build a church to be known as the New Eden Chapel, to be dedicated to the glory of God under the organization of the United Brethren of Christ.

The board of trustees elected for the supervision and erection of the building were D. N. Rose, I. W. Randel, David Henry, Thomas Metcalf and Levi Neff. They selected the present location and erected the building where it now stands, and where it has been in continuous use for worship for seventy consecutive years.

The land for the church was donated by William Young, and is located four miles south of Corning on Highway 63.

The class was previously organized, in 1884; the church was erected and completed in 1885, and was dedicated on the 6th day of September.

A Woman's Missionary society was organized in 1887 and has functioned throughout the years, and it is at the present time operating in the interest of home and foreign missions under the leadership of the Women's Society of World Services of the Evangelical United Brethren church.

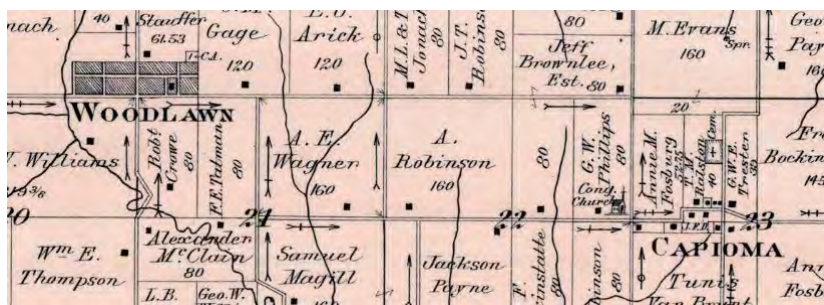
Capioma

Seneca Weekly Courier 10 Feb 1871

Is situated near the east line of the county, about 10 miles south of the St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad and the same distance north of the Central Branch Road. The town was laid out by Walter R. Gage, and is located in one of the finest agricultural portions of the county. The farming land is generally good, and the facilities for stock raising No. 1.

It has one very fine store, two stories high, built of cut stone, occupied by Frank Hostetter 7 Bor, who keep a general assortment of merchandise. It has also a good hotel, kept by W. R. Gage, one blacksmith shop, and a very fine two-story school house. The finest fruit orchard in Northern Kansas, is on the farm of Mr. Gage.

C. T. Whittenhall, Real Estate Broker, has several thousand acres of very fine prairie for sale, well watered and timbered, in Capioma Township. The agent here is Joshua Bushnell. Lands here range from \$5 to \$7.50 per acre.



Big Showing for Richmond

From the *Courier Democrat* Dec 5, 1918

Continued from Dec. 2020 issue

The canvass and its result in Richmond township for the United War Work exhibits a liberality and generosity on the part of the habitants worthy of commendation. The solicitors did good service and the response speaks for itself:

Richmond Township—East Side

United War Work campaign. Team member 3. Peter Schmitt and Amos Smith

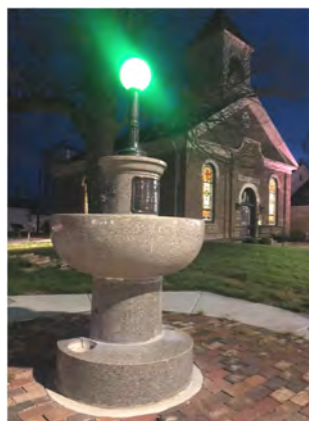
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Jacob Streit	20.00
Henry Koelzer	5.00
Lola Johnson	5.00
Theresia Dalsing	15.00
Andrew Volz	5.00
Elizabeth Kongs	5.00
L. E. Steinmeir	7.00
Joseph Krapp	40.00
A. J. Sachs	2.00
Total	\$500.00
Grand Total	\$2187.40

Completed

Fountain of the Week

Seneca's newly restored 'Engine Horse Fountain' was featured as the 'Fountain of the Week' by the National Humane Alliance Fountain on May 30th. Not only is the water flowing in the fountain, but the globe light at the top changes colors. Check out the Fountain of the Week article: <https://tinyurl.com/2pyp68j8>



Korean War

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Courier Tribune 5 March 1951

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Found in Archives—Head School District #38



*Continued from
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**Sept 3, 1894 to
April 12 1895**

Flora Nicholson Teacher

Addie Staley
Mabel Wiley
Hulet Henry
Clyde Staley
Ossie Manuel
Neely Manuel
Jennie Manuel
Van Manuel
Edna Henry
Clarence Wiley

Intermediate Grade

Ola Moss
Jessie Moss
Rolla Neill
John Neill
Frank Long
Jessie Long
Henry Debus
Mary Todd
Eunice Moss
Floyd Robbs
Grace Weart
Kate Weart
Roy Manuel
Aubrey Nipher

Primary Grade

Elmer Robbs
Minnie Debus
Edna Moss
Eddie Long
Jessie Neill
Callie Debus
Austin Smith
Elsie Smith
John Neill
Rolla Neill
Charlie Briggs
Frank Long
Grace Weart
Lester Linn

Visitors' Register Flora Nicholson Teacher

Sept 14 94 Jennie Manuel, Seneca
Sept 18 94 Clyde Staley Seneca
Sept 28 94 Mrs. Debus Seneca
Sept 28 94 Edna Henry Seneca
Oct 25 94 Kate Weart Oneida
Nov 13 94 Mrs. Long Seneca
Nov 29 94 Kate Weart Oneida
Nov 29 94 Annie Weart Oneida
Nov 29 94 Van Manuel Seneca
Nov 29 94 Jamie Manuel Seneca
Nov 29 94 Bert Moss Seneca
Jan 1 95 Myrtle Nicholson Seneca
Jan 1 95 Gertrude Nicholson Seneca
Jan 1 95 Mr. and Mrs. Neill Seneca
Jan 18 95 Mr. Barr Sabetha
Jan 18 95 Mrs. Smith Seneca
Jan 18 95 Mrs. Neill Seneca
Jan 23 95 Ernest Staley Seneca
Feb 15 95 Mrs. Long Seneca
March 4 95 Mr. H. F Comp Woodlawn

List of visitors for the term beginning Sept 2 1895

Sept 25 1895 Kate Weart Oneida
Oct 24 1895 Mrs. Long Seneca
Oct 24 1895 Mrs. Debus Kelly
Oct 24 1895 Mrs. Neill Seneca
Oct 24 1895 Ethel Walker Oneida
Oct 24 1895 Gertie Terry Seneca
Oct 24 1895 E. E. Hobbs Seneca
Oct 24 1895 Robbie Neill
Oct 24 1895 Master T Tillery Seneca
Oct 24 1895 Maggie Donney Kelly
Oct 24 1895 Esie Scraber Seneca
April 23 1896 C A Strong Co. Supt
Seneca, KS
April 23 1896 Zilma Downey Kelly Kans
April 17 1896 Maggie Downey Kelly Kans

Visitors for the term beginning Sept 6, 96 and ending April 1897

Maggie Downey Kelley, Kans
Kate Weart Oneida, Kans
Mrs. Swart Seneca, Kans
Mrs. Debus Seneca, Kans.
Mr. Long Seneca, Kans

Mr. Debus Seneca, Kans
Mrs. Swart Seneca, Kans
Miss Swart Seneca, Kans
Oct 7 97 Milton Todd Seneca, Kans
Dec 1 97 Ethel Walker Oneida, Kans
Dec 24 97 Myrtle Fisher Oneida Kans
Dec 24 97 Mrs Frank Rochel Seneca Kans
Feb 3 98 Master Max Givens Oneida
Kans
April 14 98 Mr Todd Seneca

Visitors for the term beginning Sept 5th 98

Sept 8th Laura Ward Goff Kans
Sept 9th Rosa Ridgeway Kelly Kans
Sept 9th Maudie Ridgeway Kelly Kans
Sept 22d Hattie E Kitchin Goffs Kans
Sept 22nd Laura A Ward Goffs Kans
Sept 22nd Charley Ward Klondike, Alaska
Sept 30 J. E. Cline Kelly Ks
Oct. 7 1898 Lula Kitchin Goffs, Kans
Oct 7 1898 Eugene Long Seneca
Nov F J Barrett Centralia
Miss Hattie Kitchin Goffs
Mr. A A Kitchin Goffs
Dec. Mrs. B L Gillaspie Oneida
Mr. and Mrs. Geo Ward Goffs
April 25 1898 Paul Kitchin Goffs Kansas A
warm day

Visitors for the term beginning Sept. 6 O. J. Ward teaching

Sept 21 1899 Dora Ward Jennings,
Oklahoma
Sept 21 1899 Laura Ward Goffs Kans
Nov 8 1899 Anna Morris Goff Kans
Nov 22 1899 Master Lester Conly Kelly
Kans
Dec. 20 1899 J G Schofield Co. Supt.
Dec 22 1899 Mrs. [Achlima] Debus Kelly
Kans
Dec 28 1899 Master Max Givens Oneida
Dec 28 1899 Master Fred Myers Oneida
Dec 29 1899 Miss Myrtle Fisher Oneida
Jan 1900 Eugene Long Kelly
Feb 1 Miss Wealthy Boxel Oneida
Mch Miss Hendrick
Apr 18 Mrs. E E Hoffs Kelly
Miss Lulu Kitchin Goff

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Military Museum—Lift for Handicapped Access \$ _____

Military Museum—Handicapped Restroom \$ _____

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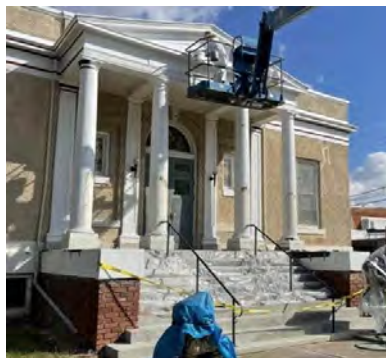
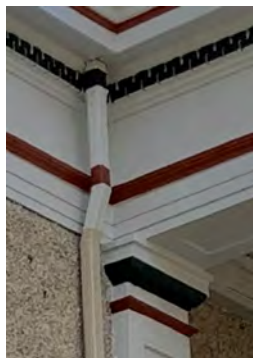
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THANKS STEP FOUNDATION

The Nemaha County Historical Society received a grant from the STEP Foundation for \$2,022 to help pay for the refurbishing of the exterior of the military museum. Cathy Holthaus, grant writer, explained that “the original stucco facade, on all exterior walls of the Military Museum, is deteriorating. There are multiple cracks in the plaster and in some places the plaster stucco is falling off the building. Cracks in the plaster allow moisture to enter the interior and will cause damage to the interior walls. The west wall is in the most serious need of repair. However, the other three walls are in the same need of repair.”

Military Museum

With the help of Dick Miller, the exterior of the Military Museum is being refurbished. The intricate trim is being painted in army green and red. Details on the columns are also being outlined in the military colors. The columns and all wood trim is being painted, the stucco repaired and the windows re-glazed. So far, over \$10,000 has been spent on the exterior of the building.



Saying Goodbye

Board member, Karen Holthaus, will be leaving the board in March as she moves to be closer to her children and grandchildren in the Kansas City area. Even though Karen will be greatly missed, we wish her well.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since Karen is the one who enters most of the recently received items into our computer system, Karen's departure will leave a big void at the museum. Thus, we are looking for volunteers that would be interested in learning our computer system or interested in preparing signage and/or visuals for our displays or perhaps writing and publishing this newsletter and other items for the society.

Nemaha County Historical Society Museum

Hours

Tuesdays—10 am to 4 pm

If Increment Weather, Call First

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OUR MUSEUMS

Sheriff's Residence / Historic Jail / School Room

113 N. 6th, Seneca, KS 66538

Temple of Honor Military Museum

33 N. 6th, Seneca, KS 66538

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PLEASE RENEW TODAY!

Help Us Fulfill Our Mission!***To Collect, Preserve and Promote the History of Nemaha County***

- **Join**—An annual membership helps us maintain our buildings and the collections housed in them.
- **Participate**— Volunteer to help with our events
- **Sponsor**— We value our business partners and the support they provide thru their sponsorships
- **Donate**— CASH, Garage Sale Items, Time
- **Tour**— Come out and enjoy our various sites

But most of all help us continue to collect the history of the county by donating (or lending so we can digitally copy) church histories, school histories, scrapbooks, letters, military documents, diaries, deeds, wills, family histories, business photos, business histories, and personal memories.

Recent Activities

- *8th grade history students toured military museum*
- *High school history students toured military museum*
- *Military museum open house on Nov. 9th*

We would like to thank everyone who visited our military museum. We would also like to thank the following sponsors who helped fund the installation of heating and air conditioning along with the vendors who assisted with this project allowing the museum open for these events! We would also like to thank Matt Diehl of the Seneca Courier Tribune for publicity regarding the project.

Heating and Air Conditioning Project**DONORS**

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Thank you For Your Support!
Join Us This Year by Renewing Your Membership

Kansas Honor Flight#83

Our very own board member, Raymond Thieme, was honored to be part of the Nemaha county veterans participating in Kansas Honor Flight #83 in September. Ray was joined on the flight by fellow Nemaha countians Jerry Odum, Elmer Lackey and Steve Holthaus. We thank you and all veterans for their service to our country.

We would also like to thank the **Seneca American Legion** for their efforts to help sponsor these flights to Washington, D.C. for our veterans.



Jerry Odum

Elmer Lackey

Steve Holthaus

Ray Thieme



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Elmer Lackey

Col. Jeff Steinlage

Jerry Odum



Sabetha parade to honor Raymond Thieme - KHF83



Raymond Thieme at KHF83 banquet

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World War I Photograph

Have you seen the photo of five world war 1 generals on display in the military museum? If so, do you know the story behind this photo?

Thanks to Facebook and posts by both Union Station Kansas City and the World War 1 museum, we have learned the back story to this photo.

On Nov. 1, Union Station Kansas City posted “One hundred years ago today, on November 1, 1921, more than 100,000 people came together to see the five World War I Allied Commanders dedicate the site of the Liberty Memorial. All five of these leaders arrived by train at Union Station. It was the first time in history they had been together in one place. Serving as a lasting monument to all who had served in World War I, the Liberty Memorial opened to the public in November 1926. It went on to receive designation as a National Historic Landmark in 2006 and recognition from Congress as a national memorial in 2014.”

The National WWI Museum and Memorial also posted about the event, “100 years ago today, Kansas City dedicated this portion of land to forever be a place to remember and honor their war dead. The city had raised the funds in a massive fundraiser in 1919, raising over 2 million dollars to create what would become one of the largest and well-renowned memorials of World War I, quickly garnering international attention. The city's efforts were honored on Nov. 1, 1921, when the commanders of 5 Allied nations of WWI gathered here, together for the first time, for the site dedication.”

Present for the 1921 site dedication were Gen. Jules Marie Alphonse Jacques of Belgium, Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy, Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France, Gen. John J. Pershing of the United States and Adm. David Beatty of Great Britain. These are the generals in the photo on display in our military museum.



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Korean War

Courier Tribune 12 March 1951

Vincent Rethman to Lieut. Col.

Commands Bomber Squadrons on Guam

Seneca has a lieutenant-colonel.

He is Lieut-Col. Vincent C. Rethman, who has been recently promoted from Major 'Vince' is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Rethman of Seneca.

He enlisted in the air corps 10 years ago this month, graduated in air schools the following October and was assigned to P-38 fighter planes. He had a year of active service as a fighter pilot in England and North Africa, and was awarded the Air medal, three Oak Leaf clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, and has his Master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Vincent has been on Guam for over a year, commanding six B-29 bomber squadrons. Mrs. Rethman is with him at Guam. If present orders are not changed, they will be back in the states in August.

The picture of Vincent taken several years ago is outdated by his new rank.

From a Seaman to Lieut. Comm'dr

Is Record of Charley C. Gilbert of Wetmore

Washington, D.C. — A Kansan who has worked his way up through the ranks from apprentice seaman to Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy was recently assigned to headquarters Military Air Transport Service (MATS), in the Nation's Capitol.

LCDR Charley C. Gilbert, USN, son of Mr. And Mrs. Charles (Bert) Gilbert of Wetmore, assumed the post of deputy chief of MATS Naval officers branch in January. He is the brother of Mrs. T. J. Glover of 612 Chester st., Topeka.

Graduating from Wetmore Rural High School, Gilbert entered the service as an enlisted man in October 1933. After service aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lexington and with various aviation squadrons, he was assigned to flight training at Pensacola, Florida He received his wings as an enlisted aviation pilot in 1941 and was commissioned the following year.

During World War II, Commander Gilbert saw service as a patrol squadron pilot in the North Atlantic and South Pacific. He is also a veteran of post war occupation duty in Japan.

Commander Gilbert is married to the former Hazel E. Blagg, daughter of Mrs. Julia Blagg of 12662 Walnut st., Garden Grove, Calif. They reside in the Washington area.

The Commander's organization MATS, is a world-wide air route command, composed of personnel and equipment from both the U.S. Air Force and Navy. It is supporting United Nations fighting forces in Korea with an around the clock airlift of critical cargo and personnel to the Far East and the air-evacuation of American wounded to U.S. hospitals.

(The above article and picture are form the Office of Public Information, Military Air Transport Service, Washington, D.C.)

Highway 63

The Courier Tribune
22 Feb 1934

Work Order for No. 63 Mule-Power Project

To Use Minimum of Machines in Moving dirt—Geo. Bennett was Here

A work order has been issued for Highway 63 and Tuesday George Bennett, sub-contractor for the earthwork, was here making preliminary arrangement for a highway camp.

The Nemaha county Re-employment office had not been notified up to yesterday when men will be needed but such a request is expected at any time, depending of course on weather conditions.

Nothing has been learned about a work order for the building of the bridge cross Tennessee creek. This contract is held by S. B. Murphy of Centralia. The George Bennett Construction Co., is the same firm which built Highway 36 West of Seneca. Contractor Bennett is quoted as saying while here that mule power will be depended upon for the greater part in moving dirt. Mr. Bennett said this is a requirement of the Public Works administration. Two tractors will be permitted. Mr. Bennett arranged for a mule camp to be located on the top of the hill just east of the home of George Hutton. He said more than 50 head of mules will be used.

The first contract on No. 63 calls for earthwork on five and a half miles of road beginning at the northeast corner of Seneca and extending as far south as the gateway of the Julius Tangeman farm, just north of the proposed dam site at Kampler.

May Complete Road in 1934

A Right of Way Engineer Is Here Now

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We would also like to thank families who have remembered the historical society with memorial gifts honoring their loved ones.



Board members accepting memorial donation in honor of James Huerter

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We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in learning our computer system or interested in preparing signage and/or visuals for our displays or perhaps writing and publishing this newsletter and other items for the society.

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It's that time of year — time to renew memberships. LIFE MEMBERS — Please consider sending a donation or a membership to help the society.

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Courier Tribune March 12, 1924

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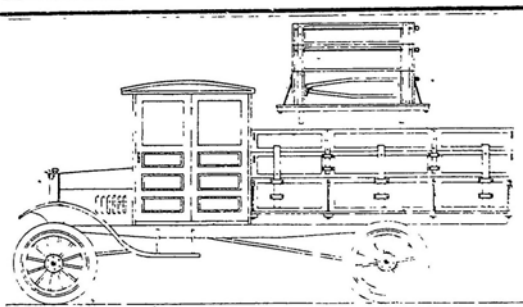
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Seneca Planing Mill

Seneca, Kansas

The Seneca Planing Mill was destroyed by fire in May 1933. (*Courier Tribune May 22, 1933*)

The mill was located on the south side of the railroad, east of 3rd street (about where 2nd street would be if it continued to the south). The mill was rebuilt but the location of the new facility is not known.



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Old Dutch Mill and Swimming Pool

Courier Tribune August 16, 1928

Company Proposes Elaborate Works at North and 3rd Streets

Seneca's time-worn swimming pool problem seems in a fair way of solution with the announcement that the Old Dutch Mill Company proposes to build a pool in connection with one of its unique tourist cabin service stations at North and 3rd streets. John Fuller, who owns 7 lots fronting on both North and 3rd is completing the deal for the sale of the property. The price has been agreed and the abstracts have been sent to the company's offices for inspection.



The Dutch Mill people plan a chain of service stations on all the principal highways of the country. Headquarters of the company is in Kansas City and the mills have already been constructed at more than a dozen cities in the middle west. The Mill itself is an elaborate structure 48 feet high with a base 26 feet square. Above the filling station proper are four nice rooms for the home of the manager. The Mills are planned to take care of the tourist in every way. There is gas, oil and accessories for his car, a sandwich counter, tourist cabins with garages in connection, a community house where travelers may find laundry, cooking and other conveniences.

Preliminary negotiations for the sale of the lots by Mr. Fuller, also contemplate his management of the Mill. John is quite enthusiastic about the lay-out. He said that President Dillingham will be here Friday and that construction is expected to start within a week. Because the season is far it is improbable that anything will be done with the swimming pool this fall.

The west two and a half lots of the property were sold by John Fuller to Nemaha county. The county borrowed ground to make its fill for No. 36 on North street. The result is a huge excavation. When Comstock, locator for the Dutch Mill people saw the hole he said that it was his only objection to the property. Dillingham on the other-hand was impressed. He saw the possibilities of the swimming pool at once. Water for the pool, it was thought, would be supplied by the city, supplemented perhaps by wells if necessary.

Plans for the Dutch Mill call for an expenditure of \$12,000 or more. Mr. Fuller said it was the policy of the company to use local materials and employ local labor. The Dutch Mill will be a striking feature, designed to attract and hold the attention of passing tourists. It is finished in white stucco.

Declaring the Dutch Mill company is abundantly able to finance the construction, Mr. Fuller thought it possible there will be a movement to sell \$3,000 in 7 per cent preferred securities of the company, not to finance the mill, but rather to enlist a considerable number of local people as boosters for the project. The securities are to be called in 1931 and will then pay a bonus of \$3 on each \$100 share.



Other Mills are to be built this summer at Hiawatha and St. Joseph, it was announced.

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Korean War

Courier Tribune 15 March 1951

Can Volunteer at Local Board

For induction into the Service

It may interest many young men of the county that there is a way for stepping up induction, if they so wish, under selective service.

A man in the registration age group, which begins at 18, can ask the board to be inducted. The board will then check to see that if he can be listed as available for service, and if so, will put him in such a class. The volunteer is then called first on the list in the county's next induction call.. It is not necessary for him to have a pre-induction physical — he simply goes with the induction group to be accepted or rejected.

If there are young men who would like to know more about the volunteer system the local selective service office is the place to get information. It is possible some are at loose ends waiting call, would like to get their service period under way.

The Courier Tribune March 22, 1951

Along the News Front

Another Five to Go for Induction

Includes First Volunteer, from Seneca

Selective Service headquarters has called for five more men to be inducted from Nemaha county. Date the five will leave — here is next Thursday, March 19, with induction at Kansas City the following day.

The five will include the first volunteer from Nemaha county through Selective Service, an 18 year-old Seneca Boy. He is "Jiggs" McGhee - that is, Seneca knows him that way, but he was adopted and his adopted name of Damian Vernon McAuliffe will be used on the records. As a volunteer, Jiggs heads the induction list.

The four others are William Worwag of Sabetha; James Vossen of Centralia; Alfred Eugene Tryon of Seneca; and Elmer Leo Feldkamp, Baileyville.

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Cpl. Robert Enneking, son of Mr. And Mrs. Henry Enneking, Seneca, who is stationed with the Air Force in Korea, writes his parents that he was privileged the night of March 12 to charter a plane for Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. Ridgway. The Generals were at the air strip where Cpl. Enneking is stationed and personally requested him to charter the plane.

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Lake Nemaha

The Courier Tribune Sept. 10 1934

The above map is not exact as to scale and details but approximates the lake and park boundaries. It shows the location of the C.C.C. camp of 400 men scheduled to being work here about October 1st, the new route of 63 and the way engineers have lopped off the tail of the lake in order to avoid taking in property south of the township road.

The lake is being confined to the area north of the township road by lowering the spill-way approximately two feet.. This will leave a park of 628 acres and a lake of 300 ares.

In order to keep directions straight, the top of the map should be placed toward the north.

It will be noted that park area entirely surrounds the lake, the closest point to private lands being the southeast tip of the lake. The most of the land lying between Highway 63 and the lake is bluff and timberland. This is expected to be developed as picnic grounds.

The government will build 28 structures in the north central boundary of the park to house the C.C.C. boys. A few of these buildings will be left in place to be used later for permanent park purposes. This will be the site of the bathing beach, W. G. Strong, state game warden, believed. Access to the camp site will be gained by a quarter mile of new road leading west to 63.



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- June 10—Day at the Museums
- July 29—Tractor Cruise
- July 30 - Coffee, Juice, Rolls, Burritos @ Car Show
- August 25 —Step Foundation Match Day
- Sept 13-15 —Treasure Hunt across Kansas (Highway 36 Sales)

Projects

As our weather begins to warm up, the work on projects at our sites will move outside.

- First, the canon will get its wheel back. *Thank you to everyone who donated funds to help pay for this necessary repair.*
- Watch for action on the north side of the sheriff's residence. The foundation on the little 'summer porch' has begun to rot. Thus, work will commence to put in some footings to shore up the porch. *Thanks to everyone who supported the society during the STEP Foundation match day.*
- Watch for crews replacing the sidewalks in front of the military museum. *Thanks to the City of Seneca for their grant program to help fund the new sidewalks.*
- And — watch for Dick Miller to continue his work to restore the exterior of the military museum. Over the winter, Dick restored the small windows on the north and south sides of the building.
- Less Visible— Organizing the storage of our artifacts in the basement of the military museum since it is climate controlled
- FUTURE: (once painting is finished) - handicapped ramp and sidewalk using the door in the south side of the building



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- Marriage License Applications — 1904 to 1991
- Obituary Clippings — 1980s to present
- Journal of baby deliveries in Seneca area 1932-1955
- Strathman Glass Negative Collection
- Vertical File / Family Notebooks
- Check the [online archive](#) to see what else you can find

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- [Tennal's History of Nemaha County](https://archive.org/details/historyofnemahac00tenn) – https://archive.org/details/historyofnemahac00tenn
- [Nemaha County Records on the Family Search site](https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=204012&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Kansas%2C%20Nemaha%22) (login required – but is free) - https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=204012&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Kansas%2C%20Nemaha%22
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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly-Courier Feb 10, 1871

From Sother

Editors Courier:

We are sorry to lose you from the Central Branch Road, but glad to welcome you to Nemaha county, knowing that you are live Roots, and will bear transplanting!

You ask for news from our town, but really as yet, we can hardly boast of more than a nominal existence.

Just half way between Atchison and Waterville is the fiftieth mile post where trains formerly stopped when flagged, and was known as Sherman Station. An effort being made to lay out a town and secure a post office, necessitated a change of name, there being another Sherman and Sherman city, in the state, consequently the worthy superintendent of the railroad has substituted the name Sother, in honor of Hon. Thomas M. Sother, of New York, secretary of the railroad company.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the location of the town site. The people residing near said mile post have expected it to be there, and naturally feel uneasy at the prospect of having it located two miles farther east, where the company own the land and already have a switch and side track. Parties owning land at the former point have made overtures to the company, but with what success we are not informed. Several parties are intending to build as soon as the town is platted.

By the way, Messrs. Editors, if you can suggest any plan by which a railroad company can take suitable care of its own interests and please all parties, we are quite certain it would be adopted, and might possibly suggest the insertion of the vowel (o) to the name, thus slightly changing the pronunciation, for it would certainly have a very soothing effect.

At present we are the half-way station, and many things combine to make an important point — a center for trade and the various branches of business. The surrounding country is pretty well settled by an industrious class of people, and many more are coming in the approaching spring and summer.

This much, Mr. Courier, for an introduction, and if it finds a welcome place in your columns, free from typographical errors, and you so desire, about a fortnight you may expect to hear from Sother by way of

Feb. 6, 1876 X. Typg

Korean War

Courier Tribune

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Service Notes

Richard J. Vondemkampe, son of MR. and Mrs. Charles Vondemkampe, Kelly, is in the Navy and is stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland. His address is Richard J. Vondemkamp S A 345-57-06, Class 8, Hosp. Corp. School, Bainbridge, Maryland. Judd Price, son of MR. and Mrs. L. P. Price, Seneca, is also stationed there and the boys have met.

Pvt. Melvin Mergenmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mergenmeier, Pvt. Vic Tangeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tangeman, and Pvt Maurice Niehaus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niehaus, arrived home Tuesday to spend eight day leaves with their parents. They are all three stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Pvt. Ralph Carroll, son of George J. Carroll, Baileyville, has the following new address: Pvt. R. W. Carroll US 55026621, Prov. Co. 378 APO c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Pvt. Carrol spent a six day leave with his father, before leaving for overseas duty.

Cpt. Melvin F. Karnowski, son of MR. and Mrs. Matt Karnowski, Marysville, has been transferred to Camp Cooke, California. His address is Cpl. Melvin F. Karnowski, Radio O.P.N. co., 16th Sig. OPN Bn., R. A. 19196004, Camp Cooke, California.

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Eight Men for Induction

Eight men from Nemaha County left Tuesday for Kansas City for induction into the armed forces. The eight were Francis Bernard Schraad, Seneca,, had been working at Shawnee; Andrew Martin Meyer, Seneca; Edward Frederick Irwin, Centralia; Robert Lee Lohman, Sabetha; John Amos Beck, Centralia; Elton Eugene Scott, Wetmore; Lyle Edward Steiner, Sabetha and Leo Maurice Sanders, Centralia. Ward Everett Wilson of Centralia, who was to have gone, has been transferred from this county to Topeka.

Mrs. Cassie Smalley, clerk of the Selective Service board announces that there will be no board meeting this Friday evening, May 18.

Highway 63

Courier Tribune
21 Jan 1935
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Let the Work on No. 63

Three Jobs \$62,769

The Bridge-Spillway at the Dam to Chillicothe Bidder at \$40,029.46

The Kansas State Highway Commission, sitting at Topeka Friday, awarded three contracts totaling \$62,769.37 for construction on NO. 63 and at the site of the Nemaha county state park.

The combination bridge-spillway in the dam was awarded to the C. H. Atkinson Construction Co., Chillicothe, Mo. at \$40,029.46.

The construction of 1.28 miles of earthwork where NO. 63 crosses the park was awarded to Blue Rapids Sand and Gravel Co., Grundeman & Call, at \$16,045.87

There was a tie in the bidding on the sanding of five miles of NO. 63 between the northeast corner of Seneca and the dam. The figure was \$6,694.04. The bidders who tied were D. G. Hansen, Logan; Cook & Cone, Ottawa, and the Blue Rapids Sand and Gravel Co. At the office of the Kansas Highway department Friday it was stated the commission would decide which of the three bidders is to get the work.

Work orders will be issued by the department quite soon but actual construction is, of course, wholly dependent on weather conditions. At the last report the state Engineers had not fully decided on the location of the bridge-spillway. This has had the result of a slight delay in initiating proceedings on the part of the county to acquire that portion of the Tangeman land needed by the state.

The bridge spillway is in the form of three huge box-like culverts beginning with wiers at the intake and ending with a wide flume on the west side of the dam. Roughly speaking there is approximately four times as much work and material involved as was required in building Tennessee creek bridge.

The construction of new road southeast through the park and connecting with the Corning highway a mile and a quarter southeast of the dam involves a great deal of earthwork and pulling of stumps.

No. 63 between Seneca and the dam is to receive 600 to 700 cubic yards of gravel to the mile. This extraordinary amount of material is necessary because of heavy truck traffic between Seneca and the CCC camps.

None of the work involved in the three contracts is to be done by CCC labor. All labor, with the possible exception of superintendents and specialized workmen, is to be employed from rolls furnished by the Nemaha county Re-employment service. The same holds true for the construction of a reservoir-lake five miles west of Sabetha, where Sabetha labor will be used first.

Origin of Nemaha County Names

Corning Gazette

Feb 25, 1909

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[Compiled by George J. Remsburg]

Nemaha, the name of the county, township and river, was derived from the word Omaha, the name of an Indian tribe.

Seneca was named for Seneca county, Ohio, from whence its founders came. It is the name of an Indian tribe.

Sabetha is said to be the Greek word for Sabbath, and was so named because a temporary fort or stockade was erected on the present township on Sunday.

Baileyville was named for N. Bailey, the father of ex-Governor Willis J. Bailey, the founder of the town.

Centralia was so designated by its founders because it was near the center of Home township.

Capioma was named in honor of a Kickapoo Indian chief by that name.

Corning was named in honor of Erastus Corning, of New York, by Dr. N. B. McKay, the founder of the town.

Oneida got its name from a town of the same name in Knox county, Ill, where its founder, Col. Cyrus Shinn, formerly lived.

Wetmore was named for W. T. Wetmore, formerly vice-president of the Central Branch railroad.

Goff, for Edward H. Goff of the Union Pacific Railway.

Neuchatel was settled by several French and Swiss families, who gave it its present name for a place in their native country.

Albany was settled by a colony of New Yorkers who named it for the capital of their native State.

Woodlawn received its name from the character of its site, being a natural wooded lawn.

Sother, which was for a time the terminus of the Central Branch railroad, was named after Thomas Sother.

Reilly township gets its names from the Reilly brothers, who were among its early and prominent settlers.

Red Vermillion was so named because of the pigment of that color that exists along its shores and in its waters. One township of this name was named for this stream.

Soldier Creek was given this name because it was a frequent camping place for soldiers in the early days; Elk creek, because elk were seen on it by the early settlers; Mulburry creek, because of the prevalence of this fruit along its shores; Clear creek, from the pellucidness of its waters; Turkey creek, because it was once a wild-turkey haunt; Muddy creek, after a freshet while its waters were opaque; French creek, after early French settlers; Greggs creek, in honor of an early settler of that name; Harris creek, for Wm. Harris who settled on it in 1855; Locknane's creek, for David M. Locknane, one of the early settlers of Granada township.

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Donate to the Historical Society - Match Day August 26, 2022

Make your plans now to support the Nemaha County Historical Society by donating to the STEP Foundation on Match Day, August 26, 2022.

During this day of community giving, donations to the historical society will be matched up to a set amount. Donors may give in person at the Seneca Free Library between 10 am and 6 pm or online at www.stepupnemaha.com on August 26th. Donations are tax-deductible.

We hope Match Day funds will support some of our major projects. One of those is the replacement of the foundation under the summer porch on the north side of the sheriff's residence, which is rotted.

A second project involves replacing the protective coverings over the two large circular stained glass windows in the military museum.

Tractor Cruise - July 30, 2022 - \$40/participant

Registration at Seneca City Park 9:30 am

Beginning at the City Park, the cruise will go down Main Street to the viaduct. From the viaduct, the cruise will continue W to 8th St. where it will turn S to 96th Road, then E to Kelly where lunch will be served in the Kelly parish hall. From Kelly, cruisers will travel to Heinen Brothers for a tour before returning to Seneca.

Contact Richard Schmitz for more information.

Upcoming Events

- July 30 —Tractor Cruise—Seneca to Kelly
- August 23—hosting tour group from Johnson County
- August 26—Step Up Nemaha County Match Day
- August 27—Seneca Fire Department 100th Celebration
- Sept. 15-17— Highway 36 Treasure Hunt

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Online Archive

Have you checked out the Archive link on our website? This link is a way to 'peek into' the collection of historical items in the museums.

- Using the KEYWORD SEARCH link, one can enter a family name, place or historical event to see what the society might have. This search is most productive if only one word or search term is used.
- Clicking on any one item will open the page containing the description of the item.
- Clicking on an image will open the image in a separate window. That window includes an option to "REQUEST IMAGE".
- Clicking on REQUEST IMAGE opens a form for you to enter your name and email address. Submitting this request sends an email to the society. When we receive these emails, we look up the photos and can send them back to the requestor. We do ask for a small donation to help us continue to provide this online access.

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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly-Courier Feb 10, 1871

America

This town is jogging along after her old fashion, nothing of interest transpiring to break the monotony of every day occurrences. We have a good school, taught by Mr. Robert T. Hall, of Illinois, a young man of fair promises. The citizens organized a Lyceum early in the winter, and soon excited and have steadily maintained an unusual interest in their proceedings. R. C. Goodale, of Vermont, stopping here for the winter, took an active part in the meetings, but has recently been called home in consequence of the death of his father. The Misses Danley, Katie Midkelf, and others, added much to the entertainment.

We have two stores, each of which does a fair business. Our wagon and blacksmith shops are turning out wagons which find a ready sale at home. Here is a shoe shop, also a steam saw mill now in full operation. Many fine farms in the vicinity, well improved, and new ones constantly opening.

We have the best prospect for winter wheat ever seen anywhere. Hardly a farmer that has not more or less mostly from 20 to 40 acres, some 80; and one has 180 acres, all looking as well as possible at this season. All are preparing to plant an unusual breadth of corn land, and oats will not be neglected.

There is room for many more farmers here — choice, unimproved land at reasonable prices; timber and water in good supply; and stone coal within three miles. Rock of fine quality for building is abundant. It is remarked by many who have visited other parts of the State, that our lands are better than an average in the state, and held at only about half the price asked in much more remote parts. There is no doubt about this being the very place for emigrants seeking homes among an intelligent industrious class of people, where good schools are established, and only one hour's drive to a railroad station — on C.B.U.P.R.R. By the way, our old citizen N. b. McKay, has sold his residence here and is to remove to Corning, in the spring. May he prosper in undertaking. He still has two farms joining this town, which he says he don't propose to give away. He believes we will have a railroad here at no distant day — The Wamego, Seneca & Nebraska Railroad. May his faith not be in vain.

Wetmore Notes

Seneca Weekly Courier, August 25, 1871

Peter Shoemaker, of Wetmore, gave us a call last Friday. He informs us that business is brisk in the south-east corner. A large amount of grain is coming into town and bought by Rising & Son and Wm. Sweney. These parties have shipped as high as four car loads of wheat a day and their shipments will average from ten to fifteen car loads per week. The crops in the vicinity of Wetmore this season have been excellent.

Korean War

Courier Tribune July 5, 1951

Report Death of a Soldier

Sgt. Robert Wichman

Brief Word Here to His Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wichman

A Seneca family, the Ben Wichmans, had word this week of the death of their son, Sgt. Bob Wichman, in the Korean war.

Only a brief message had been received at near noon today. The message from the war department stated that a letter would follow.

Sergeant Wichman had earlier been reported to the family as missing since the 13th of February. As time went by they could only hope for the best but they knew that bad news might come.

Sergeant Wichman was with the 2nd Division, serving in heavy artillery. Near Christmas time he had his hands frozen, and was sent back of the lines for a time. He wrote a letter a few days before he was reported missing, of being in the thick of things again.

Bob had given the address of his sister, Gerry, to some of his buddies, and some had written letters to her. After Bob was reported missing, she wrote to them, hoping that someone could give definite word to the family. Those letters have been returned, with the notation, missing in action, indicating there may have been heavy casualties in Bob's group.

It is believed he is the only man of Nemaha county who is reported to have lost his life in Korea. Sgt. Joseph Becker, whose mother lives at Topeka, has been listed as missing.

Bob, or Robert J., to use his full name, grew up in this community, went to school here, was a fine boy, made a lot of friends.

He joined the army several years ago for a three-year enlistment, then was out and worked at Omaha about six months, then re-enlisted two years ago in April. He was stationed first at El Paso, then sent to Korea in July of last year. He had attained the rank of master sergeant. He would have been 24 years of age September 22 of this year.

While at El Paso, Bob and Emma Gorey of Carlsbad, New Mexico, were married May 13, 1950. His bride has lived at Carlsbad since Bob was sent overseas. She came here for several weeks visit with his people last fall.

Bob has two brothers, Charles, who farms near Seneca, and Cletus of Holton. His sisters are Dolores, who is Mrs. Lynn Hook of Denver, Alda, who is Mrs. Dave Shimic of Aurora, Colo., and Miss Gerry, at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wichman, Seneca. Dolores and Alda are home at the present, helping their folks through a sad time.

There is nothing definite just now about a service for Sgt. Wichman. The letter to be received by the family may tell if the family can expect his remains will be returned here.

C.C.C. Camp

Courier Tribune October 1, 1934

First Camp Here Today

From Armour, MO.

The First C.C.C. Company has 175 Men — Second Arrives Oct. 6th with 180 Men

The first camp of youths of the Civilian Conservation Corps, assigned to Nemaha County for the purpose of building a lake-park arrived in Seneca at 2:30 today. The company is composed of 175 men. It is commanded by Captain C. M. Spencer and Lieut Robert P. Aikman. The medical officer is Lieut. Donald R. Alverson.

Work on the dam will be super intended by Forester Pinartz, assisted by eight civilian engineers.

The second company will arrive from Deer River, Minnesota, Saturday, October 6th at 3 p.m. It is composed of 180 men.

Station Agent George Riffer received word late last week the first company would arrive in four coaches and two large baggage cars, coming to Seneca from Armour, Mo., a town on the Burlington, southeast of Atchison.

He said the second company is traveling here from Deer River, Minnesota, in five coaches and two baggage cars. Deer River is a short way northwest of Grand Rapids, Michigan and 150 miles north of Minneapolis.

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Hundreds of persons visited the park yesterday where eight building in No. 1 camp are not entirely enclosed. The cars filled all the parking space. But two of the four barracks in No. 1 camp are enclosed so part of the boys will make temporary quarters in the mess hall and recreation building.

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The incomplected camp buildings make former service men think of conditions at Camp Funston back in the fall of 1917. The boys at the Nemaha county park probably will spend several days policing up. They will live under some inconvenience at first, since the water supply is not yet connected.

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Pete Waller is superintending the wiring of No. 1 camp. Wenzel W. Waller has the materials bill.

Killed in Action

The Courier-Tribune, May 21, 1945

George E. Kohake

Former Kelly Youth Had

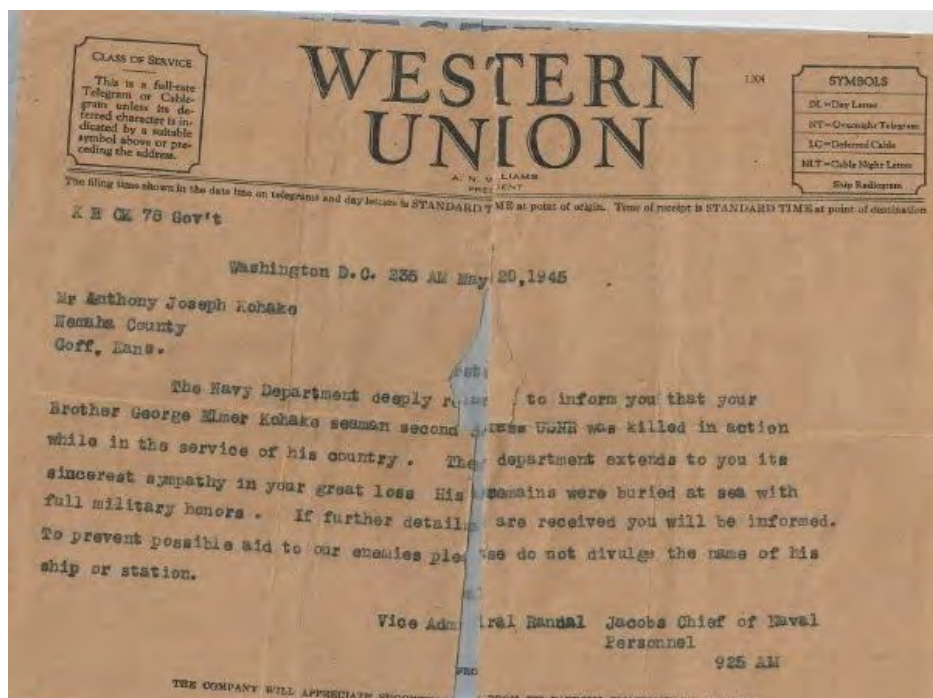
Served Since October

Anthony Kohake, Kelly, received word today that his brother, George Elmer, seaman second class in the U.S. Navy, had been killed in action. The message came from Vice-Admiral Randal Jacobs, chief of navy personnel. No details were given, however the telegram stated the remains were buried at sea.

George was about 20 years old. He was home in January after finishing his boot training at Great Lakes. He reported to Shoemaker soon after that time and was assigned to a cruiser in the Pacific. The young navy man was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kohake. His step-mother, six brothers and one sister survive and live in the Kelly-Goff community.

George graduated from the Goff high school and later worked for his uncle, George Lierz. He has two brothers in service, Pvt. Carl Kohake, at Camp Maxey, Texas, and Cyril, Gunners Mate 1st class, on a ship in the Pacific.

The Kohake family is planning a memorial service to be held at St. Bede's Church, Kelly, next week. A definite date will be announced later.



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Tractor Cruise a Success

Thanks to the help of Heinen Brothers and other sponsors of this year's tractor cruise along with the work of Richard Schmitz and Misty, the cruise to the Kelly community was a HUGE success. Make plans now to join us next year for 'cruisin' around the county on your tractor or in your gator.

THANK YOU

A big shout of **THANKS** to everyone who donated to the Nemaha County Historical Society during this years 'Match Day' sponsored by the STEP Foundation. Your support will allow us to begin replacing the foundation under the "summer" porch on the north side of the sheriff's residence.

Military Museum Restoration Continues

Dick Miller is continuing to work on the restoration of the exterior of the Military Museum. The trim around the top of the museum and the columns have a fresh coat of white paint with army red and green trim.

The board recently approved proceeding with the restoration of the small windows near the top of the North and South sides of the building over the winter.

Current plans also include replacement of some of the broken sidewalk in front of the museum and continued work on the stucco next summer.

We would like to thank everyone who makes donations to the military museum. It is your support that continues to make it possible to complete these projects.



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Thank you Cathy Enneking

In an effort to add content to the digital kiosk in the Nemaha Central High School commons, Cathy spent the summer gathering yearbooks, newsletters and senior panels from all of the schools that have combined over the years to form Nemaha Central High School. Her efforts to collect and preserve this school history is greatly appreciated.

Railroad Display Expanded

Thanks to a very generous donation by John Vorhes, the railroad display in Annex 2 now contains the start of a model railroad, complete with a small village. Included in the village are replicas of the movie theater, the bank (or Cornerstone), Starlight motel and the gas station that was at 3rd and Main. Stop in and check out this wonderful addition to our museums.

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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly-Courier Feb 10, 1871

Centralia

Sixty-two miles west of Atchison, on the Central Branch U.P. railroad, and nine miles south of Seneca, is situated one of the most flourishing points in Nemaha county, bearing the above name. It has a population of nearly 200 inhabitants, which is made up of some of the most intelligent people along the road. The place boasts three general stores, owned by I. Stickel, Merrill & Jackson and W. P. McCubbin. Tenney & Savage have a large and well stocked hardware store; Hidden & Burchfield have a fine drug store; it also has a first-class furniture store. The place also boasts a harness shop, blacksmith shop, boot and shoe shop, etc. There are also two well kept hotels, a livery stable, lawyers land agents, doctors, etc. H. W. Forman has the largest lumber yard on the Central Branch road, and is now absent in Chicago laying in one of the larges and choicest stocks ever brought west of the Missouri river.

The new flouring mill of John Ingram & Co., is one of the most substantial institutions that our town can boast of. Indeed, it is one of the finest mills in Northern Kansas, and the proprietors are compelled to work night and day to accommodate their customers and rapidly increasing business. Mr. Ingram is one of the best millers in the State, having been engaged in the business all of his life, and understands every part of it thoroughly. The quality of flour now being made at this mill is gaining a reputation second to none in this section of Kansas.

Our school house is equal to that of most any other on the line of the road, though the rapidly increasing population will soon necessitate the building of another of more commodious quarters. It is now in a very flourishing condition under the charge of its excellent teacher, Prof. F. A. Grivvin.

Business at present is not as brisk as it might be, still the merchants here are dong quite a lively trade, and seem to be well satisfied with the present and future prospects.

The lands adjoining Centralia are inferior to none in the State in regard to agriculture and stock raising, and probably no other section of the county has advanced more rapidly in price or has a fairer prospect of increasing in value.

This is considered one of the finest regions in Northern Kansas for butter making and the manufacture of cheese. The cheese factor of W. J. McLaughlin on the Vermillion, a few miles west of here, turns out cheese equal to that of the famous "Western Reserve" Another factory is talked of, to be built early in the spring.

Our townsman and postmaster, Mr. I. Stickel, returned a few days ago from an extended visit to Illinois, and was gladly welcomed home by his numerous friends.

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Korean War

Courier Tribune April 26, 1951

Lt Stone Writes from Korean

Lt John Stone, Sabetha dentist who entered the army in January and has been in Korea for the last month and a half, writes the following letter from near the front lines in Korea.

I have been in Korea 46 days and I'm ready to return to Sabetha anytime they will let me. I took a commercial Trans-Oceanic plane to Japan. The plane carried 31 officers and me. It seems the army contracts commercial air planes to do the job because they can do it cheaper than the army can by using its own planes. One round trip by plane costs the government \$25,000, expensive traveling I'd say. About all the planes bring back is mail.

It took 42 hours to get to Tokyo, two hours were spent in Honolulu and one hour at Wake Island. What a place that is. It is about four or five square miles and the highest spot is 26 feet above sea-level. The only thing there is a landing trip.

I spent only five days in Japan and most of it was getting ready for the next leg of the journey. After reaching Pusan by boat and getting my first glimpse of Korea I wasn't too impressed, in fact I'm still not. Pusan is quite a large city and overcrowded with refugees at present. The people are all dirty, hungry and diseased.

When we got on the train at Pusan, with my 100 pounds of equipment to go north, we loaded at one p.m. and nine hours later at 10 p.m. the train pulled out of the station. It seems they didn't have an engine available. The car in which we rode had wooden seats and straight backs made out of packing boxes. The ride ended just 20 hours later and at that time I was just a little tired.

After a day's ride in the back end of a truck I ended up with the 24th Division. This is my home for awhile at least, and I was glad to find some place I could hang my hat for a night.

I am attached to the Division forward area where the General and his staff plan and conduct the advances or retreats, whichever the case may be. I am the only dentist in the area and have plenty to do.

I have a field chest which has a motor driven unit and a dental light. It is equipped to do fillings and extractions. I am my own boss here. I can work when I like or sleep when I like — I do plenty of both. My C.O. is a wonderful person and he stays with the Medical Battalion Headquarters. I share a tent with three others, a Lt. Colonel who is Division Surgeon and two Lt's. We have cots to sleep on, rice mats on the floor, electric lights, radio.

About four months ago I was just like the majority of American public, I never gave this little "police action" in Korea much thought. I was safe and sound in "Harry's Empire" — so I thought. Things have changed a little now that I have seen some of what is going on. Joe Chink has a lot of buddies north a little way. What is going to happen I don't know. The Chinese are using live bullets. I have seen these American doughboys who have had one or two.

The Chinese are just like the American farmer in the Revolution, they don't have anything much in the way of modern equipment but they are plenty difficult to remove from these hills. They aren't dumb. They have been using some mines recently. They bury the explosive in a wooden box so the mine can't be detected. They also bury an empty or charged tin can so someone has to spend some time digging it up.

I miss Sabetha very much, tell everyone hello for me.

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C.C.C. Camp

Courier Tribune October 4, 1934

So the Boys Go to Work—Lost No Time at Park

Overall-clad CCC Aids Carpenters in Building Camp — Second Company is Delayed

Tuesday was a regular work day in the life of Company 2537, CCC which arrived at the scene of the Nemaha County Lake-park the previous afternoon.

Roy Winterscheidt had no sooner transported the 155 lads to their new home in three huge trucks than the boys began to make things as shipshape as they could in view of the disorder of camp construction.

Next day, the Camp took on something of its normal routine and a crew of helpers was assigned to construction under the direction of Lieut. r. L. Harris and Superintendent P. D. Olmstead. The boys pitched in with a will and made themselves generally useful.

Word was received here Tuesday the second company, which had been scheduled to arrive in Seneca next Saturday, has been delayed in leaving Deer river, Minnesota, and will not come until October 16. While camp construction superintendents said they would have been ready for the second company with Camp No. 2, the delay will make it possible to complete all the rough work, connect the water supply and have things generally better arranged to accommodate the larger number of men.

There is a rat-a-tat-tat of hammers 10 hours of each day on No. 2 camp and it is going up with amazing speed. Mr. Olmstead, however, still grumbles because of the delay in the arrival of materials. It is a marvel what that man has been able to accomplish with nothing to do with.

Quite naturally things are topsy turvy in camp. The ranges were not yet set up in the camp kitchen yesterday so the cooks used outside camp stoves. But Mess Sergeant Rudolph was making the best of things and meals, soon began to arrive on schedule. The menu Tuesday night was mashed potatoes, noodles and sliced meat. Former service men noted the camp issuing the familiar mess kit, model of 1917. When meals are served in the mess hall the boys will have regular dishes.

Sixty dozen eggs are used each morning for breakfast. The cooks arise at 2:30 to start the morning meal.

Sergeant Rudolph was lamenting the fact AC current may not be available in camp. He has a large electric ice box and electric mixers which he will not be able to use. A number of the boys also have electric radios which cannot be operated from a DC current.

Capt. C. M. Spencer has a still greater concern. the camp Commander is wondering what can be done about surfacing 63 between Seneca and the camp. He fears camp trucks will be seriously handicapped in wet weather. He also inquired in detail about sources of gravel and is interested in building camp roads and walks just as soon as it can be done.

Both officers and men seem to appreciate the cordiality of Nemaha county's reception to Camp 2537. They were interested when told the lake-park is a county project in which large numbers of people are greatly concerned. Capt. Spencer and Lieut Harris were guests of Earle W. Taylor Post American Legion Tuesday night. There was an informal discussion of ways and means to create an athletic fund for the camp so the boys will be able to buy football suits

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CCC Camp

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and other athletic equipment. This may result in a boxing and wrestling benefit or an early football game between the Seneca and Pawnee camps under the floodlights of Seneca's new athletic fields.

Lieut. Harris arranged yesterday to get the World Series baseball scores for the camp. He had the assistance of Clarence Norris of Sabetha who lent radio and loud speaker equipment. Lieut Harris arranged a scoreboard.

The labor bill in the Nemaha county lake housing work for Civilian Conservation forces south of Seneca amounted to \$3,300 for the first week and a half. By the 15th of October it is estimated the labor distribution will add \$7,000. The men are paid on the first and fifteenth of each month. Checks for the first week and a half are expected by October 10.

Lieut. and Mrs. Donald R. Alverson will take an apartment in Seneca. Lieut Alverson is the camp medical officer. It is Lieut. Alverson's belief the quota for Kansas CCC camp is 178 men. However, each of the four barracks was constructed to accommodate 50, a total of 200.

Harvey Hybskmann, who has been superintending the plumbing and furnishing materials for No. 1 camp, was awarded the contract for Camp No. 2 yesterday.

Co. 2735 came to Nemaha county from Sugar Lake, opposite Atchison. For a few weeks the boys had been clearing out brush and improving the grounds about the lake. Since there are a many privately owned cabins around Sugar Lake, the boys came to feel they were working for the benefit of private individuals instead of the public. They were impressed with the Nemaha lake site and believe they have a project that is worthy of the service.

Co. 2735 is composed almost entirely of Kansas boys, the most of them Western Kansas farm lads. They are a well set-up bunch and officers spoke of them in highest terms.

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Please check the last page of this newsletter for a list of our sponsors. And then take the time to thank them for supporting the preservation of the history of Nemaha County.

Projects

Have you noticed that the cannon in front of the military museum is missing a wheel? Or, have you noticed the beautiful paint job (in progress) on the exterior of the military museum?

While some of our projects are very visible, others are less apparent. However, all are in need of completion and thus planned for 2023. This includes the following:

- Restoration of the wheel on the canon (estimated to cost over \$5,000)
- Repair of the foundation under the summer porch on the north side of the historic sheriff's residence. (Step Foundation Match Day funds are dedicated to this project. However, estimates indicate it will cost more than the \$4,000 collected.)
- Replacement of the sidewalk on the west side of the military museum, including the sidewalk going up to the steps. (estimated to cost over \$8000 with plans to apply to the city of Seneca for a matching grant)
- Continued restoration of the exterior of the military museum (estimated to cost over \$10,000)



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The museum received the medals and commendations for Moses F. Tate whose remains were recently identified. Below, is a short excerpt from the newspaper article when his parents were notified he was missing in action.

Moses F. Tate

Sgt. Moses Tate was born and raised here. He was working for the Koelzer Lumber Co. when he enlisted in the army, on June 24, 1940, at Fort Leavenworth. He was sent to Ft. Riley and Camp Funston. On July 20, 1941, he was transferred from the Second Cavalry to the Air Corps, and given training at Jefferson Barracks and other camps. His last training before he went across was at Topeka. He has been overseas since the second week of June this year.

The message received by the parents follows:

"I regret to inform you report received states your son, Staff Sgt. Moses F Tate missing in action since Aug 1 in the middle Eastern area. If further details or other information of his status are received you will be promptly notified — Ulio The Adjutant General."

Courier-Tribune 19 Aug 1943

Online Archive

Have you checked out the Archive link on our website? This link is a way to 'peek into' the collection of historical items in the museums.

- Using the KEYWORD SEARCH link, one can enter a family name, place or historical event to see what the society might have. This search is most productive if only one word or search term is used.
- Clicking on any one item will open the page containing the description of the item.
- Clicking on an image will open the image in a separate window. That window includes an option to "REQUEST IMAGE".
- Clicking on REQUEST IMAGE opens a form for you to enter your name and email address. Submitting this request sends an email to the society. When we receive these emails, we look up the photos and can send them back to the requestor. We do ask for a small donation to help us continue to provide this online access.

<https://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/archive>

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But most of all help us continue to collect the history of the county by donating (or lending so we can digitally copy) church histories, school histories, scrapbooks, letters, military documents, diaries, deeds, wills, family histories, business photos, business histories, and personal memories.

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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly-Courier Feb 10, 1871

Albany

Albany, in the northeastern portion of this county, is one of the oldest towns in Nemaha county, and is considered one of the most desirable places of residence in the State. The St. Joseph & Denver City R.R. passes through two miles south of the town at which point Sabetha is located, and where all agree the most of the business of that growing section will be transacted.

The principal attraction at Albany is the Seminary now in successful operation, under the charge of Prof. J. Vose as principal; Mary N. Vose, Teacher of classical department; and Miss Annie C. Carleton, Teacher of primary department and music; all graduates of New England schools. One year ago, when Prof. Vose took charge of the school, it numbered 85 scholars. This term 78 are reported as the daily attendance. TO accommodate such an influx f students, a joint stock company was founded and a large boarding house erected, at which board could be obtained at reduced rates, and rooms rented to students who board themselves. In the advanced department of the school, higher arithmetic, algebra, analysis, book-keeping rhetoric, philosophy latin, &c, are among the branches taught. One of its peculiar features is the class drill for teachers, seven or eight scholars of this class being now engaged in teachng in this and Brown county, with first class certificates. The following extract from the report for 1870 of N. Hanson, County Superintendent of Brown county, will show the opinion of one of the most earnest educators of Northern Kansas. Of this Seminary, he says:

"An elegant, spacious, substantial stone structure affords ample accommodations in the lower room for the common school, under the charge of an experienced and skillful lady teacher; and in the upper for the high school, or academic department , in which are taught the higher English branches and the languages, Prov. Vose and lady, who have charge of this departement, are able and experienced teachers, endowed with the rare faculty of inspiring their classes with a life and energy that secures an unusually large share of work on the part of their pupils. I have seldom seen classes subjected to a more thorough drill and left with so complete a knowledge of subjects treated.

"When the people of Brown and Nemaha counties better understand that they have in their vicinity a school offering a fuller equivalent for time and money than can usually be obtained at a greater distance, the number in attendance will increase from 60, its present number, to the full extent of its accommodations."

For more information on the building used by the seminary, see the Wikipedia article: [Old Albany Schoolhouse](#).



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Korean War

Courier Tribune, 3 May 1951, page 1

Over 150 in the Service

From Nemaha county

County Drafts and Enlistments;

Name New Men for Many Calls

It scarcely seems possible, but Nemaha County has had more than 150 men enter active service since the start of the current emergency period.

With drafts of usually five or ten men at a time, and enlistments happening here and there, it has not seemed so many men have been taken.

However, fifty-one have now been inducted from this county; and over twice that many, 105 have enlisted, or are reserves who were past the registration age group and have been recalled to duty.

Two new groups have now been called; 10 men for induction May 15, and five men to take their pre-induction physicals on May 7.

The group for induction includes:

- Francis B. Schraad, Seneca
- Andrew M. Meyer, Seneca
- Edward F. Irwin, Centralia
- Robert L. Lohman, Sabetha
- Claire B. Sparling, Oneida
- Ward E. Wilson, Centralia
- Elton E. Scott, Wetmore
- John A Beck, Centralia
- Lyle E. Steiner, Sabetha
- Leo M. Sanders, Centralia
- The call for physical exams includes:
- Verner E. Bergman, Baileyville
- Max A. League, Wetmore
- Lawrence E. Bonjour, Onaga
- Ralph F. Wichman, Seneca
- Leon f. Mitchell, Centralia

Harold Frederick Jeanneret Jr. Centralia, who registered at Medicine Lodge, has been transferred to this county for pre-physical and will also go with the group.

C.C.C. Camp

Courier Tribune January 7, 1935

Sixty Recruits for CCC Camps Begin Work Here on Nemaha State Park

Sixty recruits were added las week to the CCC camps on duty at the Nemaha county state park. Company 2735 received 24 men; Co. 1797 received 36 men. The 10 Nemaha county men were assigned to Co. 2735. The list by cities follows:

Baileyville: Wm. Ragan
Corning: Raymond J. Huerter, Lee Hodge
Oneida: Carrol L. Bloom
Sabetha: Warren R. Ash
Goff: Orville H. Bowron
Seneca: Andrew J. Crane, Paul L. Wilson, Wayne W. Donaldson
Sabetha: Warren R. Ash, Max Helphingstine
Axtell: John Glover
Atchison: Newton E. Weaver, Robert Blakley, Beryl Hopkins
Holton: Ivan L. Farmer, Lewis E. Trundle, Lyle T. Derry
Barnes: Arnold L. Phinney
Soldier: Estel Stair
Washington: Phillip Mudd
Hoyt: Geo. J. Thompson, Harlan C. Shoup, Roland A. Haag
Mayetta: Harry P. Argo
Hanover: Edw. C. Koppes, Clifford Bond, Wm. Roland
Clifton: Lee H. Heitsman
St. George: Evan M. Peabody
Linn: Charley Berkman
Vermillion: Olaf Bentson
Lancaster: Joseph Blocker
Highland: Henry Brown
Hiawatha: LeRoy Davey, Milan Ott, Orville Rutland
Horton: Francis Davidson, Leslie Geer, Chester Lovelady, Wm. Weir
Mahaska: Wilbur Deegan, Victor Williamson
Blue Rapids: Arnold Elliott, Francis Jensen
Marysville: Theodore Gustafson
Blaine: Wm. Hazlett, Gregory Higgins
Belvue: Carl Heston
Reserve: Joseph Jamison
Wamego: Walter Johnson
Everest: George Maxwell, Erwin Winder
Farmington: Winfred Moser
Onaga: Willard Noland
Monrovia: Oscar Olson
Havensville: Wm. Paulsen
Troy: Howard Rice
Palmer: Emil Rogge
Huron: Lester Teeter
Wathena: Wm. Walker

Seneca Planing Mill

Seneca Tribune, Dec 11, 1913, Page3

A. N. Hybskmann is fast getting into shape at the planning mill, and is practically ready for business. This is an enterprise that will be made to go and will furnish employment to a number of Seneca men. An industry of this nature means much. It is such enterprises that make two blades of grass grow where there was but one before.

Courier Tribune, Sept 2, 1920, page2

Alfred Hybskmann, chief man at the Seneca Planing Mill is turning out a lot of mighty good stuff. He is making truck bodies for Ford trucks and is making just a little bit better body than the other fellow and has it priced right. He can turn out 25 of these fine truck bodies a week and is kept busy supplying the demand. — Centralia Journal

Courier Tribune, August 4, 1921, page 1

The Sabetha Fire Department has a new Ford truck chassis here. The Seneca Planing Mill will build a cab and body for it on the order of the Axtell fire truck that was here last week.

Courier Democrat, May 10, 1917, page 1

Help Those Who Help Us

The Kansas city and Northwestern Railroad is the name of the Kansas city-Virginia branch under its new charter issued the other day. Receiver Cass was here the other day and going over the ground and checking up on the improvements contemplated which have not been fully worked out and are not yet available for publications. In conjunction with the G. I. the road will build a Y south of the planing mill for turning trains. A certain amount of building is already under way for housing equipment and for storage. It is understood that David Waymire will continue with the road and will be in charge of a car-repairing crew here. The Seneca Planing Mill has been doing quite a lot of work for the road in furnishing materials for reconstruction. It may be said that the officials are pleased with the advantages that Seneca has to offer in the way of facilities for railway operations. There is a growing sentiment that Seneca business houses and shippers should do all they can to throw business in the way of the railroad that is striving to get on its feet and has already inaugurated a freight service that is worth a lot to people here. Let's show these people that we are not unappreciative. The K. C. N. W. is the logical route for Kansas City business. Where all things are equal we don't feel that it is presumptuous to call attention to this fact.

See December 2021 newsletter for more information on the Hybskmann truck.

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- June 10—Day at the Museums
- July 29—Tractor Cruise
- July 30 - Coffee, Juice, Rolls, Burritos @ Car Show
- August 25 —Step Foundation Match Day
- Sept 13-15 —Treasure Hunt across Kansas (Highway 36 Sales)

Projects

As our weather begins to warm up, the work on projects at our sites will move outside.

- First, the canon will get its wheel back. *Thank you to everyone who donated funds to help pay for this necessary repair.*
- Watch for action on the north side of the sheriff's residence. The foundation on the little 'summer porch' has begun to rot. Thus, work will commence to put in some footings to shore up the porch. *Thanks to everyone who supported the society during the STEP Foundation match day.*
- Watch for crews replacing the sidewalks in front of the military museum. *Thanks to the City of Seneca for their grant program to help fund the new sidewalks.*
- And — watch for Dick Miller to continue his work to restore the exterior of the military museum. Over the winter, Dick restored the small windows on the north and south sides of the building.
- Less Visible— Organizing the storage of our artifacts in the basement of the military museum since it is climate controlled
- FUTURE: (once painting is finished) - handicapped ramp and sidewalk using the door in the south side of the building



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- Marriage License Applications — 1904 to 1991
- Obituary Clippings — 1980s to present
- Journal of baby deliveries in Seneca area 1932-1955
- Strathman Glass Negative Collection
- Vertical File / Family Notebooks
- Check the [online archive](#) to see what else you can find

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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly-Courier Feb 10, 1871

From Sother

Editors Courier:

We are sorry to lose you from the Central Branch Road, but glad to welcome you to Nemaha county, knowing that you are live Roots, and will bear transplanting!

You ask for news from our town, but really as yet, we can hardly boast of more than a nominal existence.

Just half way between Atchison and Waterville is the fiftieth mile post where trains formerly stopped when flagged, and was known as Sherman Station. An effort being made to lay out a town and secure a post office, necessitated a change of name, there being another Sherman and Sherman city, in the state, consequently the worthy superintendent of the railroad has substituted the name Sother, in honor of Hon. Thomas M. Sother, of New York, secretary of the railroad company.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the location of the town site. The people residing near said mile post have expected it to be there, and naturally feel uneasy at the prospect of having it located two miles farther east, where the company own the land and already have a switch and side track. Parties owning land at the former point have made overtures to the company, but with what success we are not informed. Several parties are intending to build as soon as the town is platted.

By the way, Messrs. Editors, if you can suggest any plan by which a railroad company can take suitable care of its own interests and please all parties, we are quite certain it would be adopted, and might possibly suggest the insertion of the vowel (o) to the name, thus slightly changing the pronunciation, for it would certainly have a very soothing effect.

At present we are the half-way station, and many things combine to make an important point — a center for trade and the various branches of business. The surrounding country is pretty well settled by an industrious class of people, and many more are coming in the approaching spring and summer.

This much, Mr. Courier, for an introduction, and if it finds a welcome place in your columns, free from typographical errors, and you so desire, about a fortnight you may expect to hear from Sother by way of

Feb. 6, 1876 X. Typg

Korean War

Courier Tribune

3 May 1951

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Service Notes

Richard J. Vondemkampe, son of MR. and Mrs. Charles Vondemkampe, Kelly, is in the Navy and is stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland. His address is Richard J. Vondemkamp S A 345-57-06, Class 8, Hosp. Corp. School, Bainbridge, Maryland. Judd Price, son of MR. and Mrs. L. P. Price, Seneca, is also stationed there and the boys have met.

Pvt. Melvin Mergenmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mergenmeier, Pvt. Vic Tangeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tangeman, and Pvt Maurice Niehaus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niehaus, arrived home Tuesday to spend eight day leaves with their parents. They are all three stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Pvt. Ralph Carroll, son of George J. Carroll, Baileyville, has the following new address: PVT. R. W. Carroll US 55026621, Prov. Co. 378 APO c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Pvt. Carrol spent a six day leave with his father, before leaving for overseas duty.

Cpt. Melvin F. Karnowski, son of MR. and Mrs. Matt Karnowski, Marysville, has been transferred to Camp Cooke, California. His address is Cpl. Melvin F. Karnowski, Radio O.P.N. co., 16th Sig. OPN Bn., R. A. 19196004, Camp Cooke, California.

Courier Tribune

17 May 1951

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Eight Men for Induction

Eight men from Nemaha County left Tuesday for Kansas City for induction into the armed forces. The eight were Francis Bernard Schraad, Seneca,, had been working at Shawnee; Andrew Martin Meyer, Seneca; Edward Frederick Irwin, Centralia; Robert Lee Lohman, Sabetha; John Amos Beck, Centralia; Elton Eugene Scott, Wetmore; Lyle Edward Steiner, Sabetha and Leo Maurice Sanders, Centralia. Ward Everett Wilson of Centralia, who was to have gone, has been transferred from this county to Topeka.

Mrs. Cassie Smalley, clerk of the Selective Service board announces that there will be no board meeting this Friday evening, May 18.

Highway 63

Courier Tribune
21 Jan 1935
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Let the Work on No. 63

Three Jobs \$62,769

The Bridge-Spillway at the Dam to Chillicothe Bidder at \$40,029.46

The Kansas State Highway Commission, sitting at Topeka Friday, awarded three contracts totaling \$62,769.37 for construction on NO. 63 and at the site of the Nemaha county state park.

The combination bridge-spillway in the dam was awarded to the C. H. Atkinson Construction Co., Chillicothe, Mo. at \$40,029.46.

The construction of 1.28 miles of earthwork where NO. 63 crosses the park was awarded to Blue Rapids Sand and Gravel Co., Grundeman & Call, at \$16,045.87

There was a tie in the bidding on the sanding of five miles of NO. 63 between the northeast corner of Seneca and the dam. The figure was \$6,694.04. The bidders who tied were D. G. Hansen, Logan; Cook & Cone, Ottawa, and the Blue Rapids Sand and Gravel Co. At the office of the Kansas Highway department Friday it was stated the commission would decide which of the three bidders is to get the work.

Work orders will be issued by the department quite soon but actual construction is, of course, wholly dependent on weather conditions. At the last report the state Engineers had not fully decided on the location of the bridge-spillway. This has had the result of a slight delay in initiating proceedings on the part of the county to acquire that portion of the Tangeman land needed by the state.

The bridge spillway is in the form of three huge box-like culverts beginning with wiers at the intake and ending with a wide flume on the west side of the dam. Roughly speaking there is approximately four times as much work and material involved as was required in building Tennessee creek bridge.

The construction of new road southeast through the park and connecting with the Corning highway a mile and a quarter southeast of the dam involves a great deal of earthwork and pulling of stumps.

No. 63 between Seneca and the dam is to receive 600 to 700 cubic yards of gravel to the mile. This extraordinary amount of material is necessary because of heavy truck traffic between Seneca and the CCC camps.

None of the work involved in the three contracts is to be done by CCC labor. All labor, with the possible exception of superintendents and specialized workmen, is to be employed from rolls furnished by the Nemaha county Re-employment service. The same holds true for the construction of a reservoir-lake five miles west of Sabetha, where Sabetha labor will be used first.

Origin of Nemaha County Names

Corning Gazette

Feb 25, 1909

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[Compiled by George J. Remsburg]

Nemaha, the name of the county, township and river, was derived from the word Omaha, the name of an Indian tribe.

Seneca was named for Seneca county, Ohio, from whence its founders came. It is the name of an Indian tribe.

Sabetha is said to be the Greek word for Sabbath, and was so named because a temporary fort or stockade was erected on the present township on Sunday.

Baileyville was named for N. Bailey, the father of ex-Governor Willis J. Bailey, the founder of the town.

Centralia was so designated by its founders because it was near the center of Home township.

Capioma was named in honor of a Kickapoo Indian chief by that name.

Corning was named in honor of Erastus Corning, of New York, by Dr. N. B. McKay, the founder of the town.

Oneida got its name from a town of the same name in Knox county, Ill, where its founder, Col. Cyrus Shinn, formerly lived.

Wetmore was named for W. T. Wetmore, formerly vice-president of the Central Branch railroad.

Goff, for Edward H. Goff of the Union Pacific Railway.

Neuchatel was settled by several French and Swiss families, who gave it its present name for a place in their native country.

Albany was settled by a colony of New Yorkers who named it for the capital of their native State.

Woodlawn received its name from the character of its site, being a natural wooded lawn.

Sother, which was for a time the terminus of the Central Branch railroad, was named after Thomas Sother.

Reilly township gets its names from the Reilly brothers, who were among its early and prominent settlers.

Red Vermillion was so named because of the pigment of that color that exists along its shores and in its waters. One township of this name was named for this stream.

Soldier Creek was given this name because it was a frequent camping place for soldiers in the early days; Elk creek, because elk were seen on it by the early settlers; Mulburry creek, because of the prevalence of this fruit along its shores; Clear creek, from the pellucidness of its waters; Turkey creek, because it was once a wild-turkey haunt; Muddy creek, after a freshet while its waters were opaque; French creek, after early French settlers; Greggs creek, in honor of an early settler of that name; Harris creek, for Wm. Harris who settled on it in 1855; Locknane's creek, for David M. Locknane, one of the early settlers of Granada township.

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- July 29—Tractor Cruise
- July 30 - Coffee, Juice, Rolls, Burritos @ Car Show
- August 25 —Step Foundation Match Day
- Sept 13-15 —Treasure Hunt across Kansas (Highway 36 Sales)

Tractor Cruise 2023

Projects

As our weather begins to warm up, the work on projects at our sites will move outside.

- The foundation under the summer porch has been finished! (See page 6 for pictures) *Thanks to everyone who supported the society during the 2022 STEP Foundation match day.*
- And — watch for Dick Miller to continue his work to restore the exterior of the military museum. Over the winter, Dick restored the small windows on the north and south sides of the building.
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- Marriage License Applications — 1904 to 1991
- Obituary Clippings — 1980s to present
- Journal of baby deliveries in Seneca area 1932-1955
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- Vertical File / Family Notebooks
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Online Archive

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- Using the KEYWORD SEARCH link, one can enter a family name, place or historical event to see what the society might have. This search is most productive if only one word or search term is used.
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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly Courier

Friday February 10, 1871

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Sabetha

This town, though old in name, is really the offspring of the St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad, a few old, seedy building being all that it could boast previous to the establishment of the depot there but a few months ago. Since that time forty or fifty new buildings have been erected. Five general stores are now running and others in process of erection. There are 3 blacksmith shops, 1 tin and stove store; 1 drug store; 1 boot and shoe store; 2 eating houses; 2 good hotels; 2 feed and 1 livery stable; 1 large grain warehouse, 2 lumberyard; 1 land office; 1 shoe shop, &c. The trains on the railroad dine at this station.

Sabetha is located in the midst of a fine grain raising section, and officers of the road say that more wheat is shipped from this station than any other two stations on the railroad. The citizens are now moving for a grist mill, and have subscribed a liberal donation to any one who will take hold of the enterprise.

A branch railroad from this point to Pawnee City is projected. The company is organized, and the route surveyed and platted. Also one from Topeka via Holton and Netawaka, to this place, is being organized. A meeting in the interest of that route was held in Sabetha on Saturday last. Rock Creek township proposes to take \$30,000 stock in the road. Were it not that the Atchison Champion has completely exhausted the term, "Great Railroad Center," we might hope for something in that line in the future, as the only claim that city has to the name, is that one can start from Atchison, and, after ferrying across the Missouri river, can go to any part of the world by rail or otherwise.

Several families from the east have purchased lots and farmers in the town and vicinity, and are preparing to build in the spring. Located as Sabetha is about equal distances from Seneca and Hiawatha, in the midst of a splendid agricultural section, the prospects for the future are peculiarly flattering, and from the present outlook the town will more than double in size during the next summer.

Korean War

Courier Tribune

9 July 1951

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Service Notes

Granted Extra Combat Time for His Service

With IX Corps, US Army in Korea — Sgt. Walter I Kirby of Rockdale, Indiana, son of MR. and Mrs. Walter Kirby, Wetmore, Kans. a member of the Military Police Platoon of IX Corps, won recognition for outstanding service with Corps headquarters recently when Eight Army awarded qualified members of his unit 20 days of “combat time” which entitles him to earlier rotation eligibility.

Sgt. Kirby carried out his duties last November in guerrilla-ridden areas in North Korea where a “front line” was difficult to define because of enemy infiltration and the presence of by-passed Communist groups.

A native of Wetmore, Kans. he enlisted in the Army in May 1935. From that date until 1939 he served with “F” Troop, 2nd Cavalry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. Then, trading horse shoes for bomb sights he transferred to the Army Air Corps in March 1943. From March to May that year, he attended Armament School at Lowry Field, Denver, and from May to June he had training as a bombardier at Randolph Field, Texas.

During Word War II, Sgt. Kirby flew combat missions as an enlisted bombardier with the 97th Bomb group in Europe. He distinguished himself as an aviator, wining the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver star, Air Medal with seven Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation.

After the war, the Kansas sergeant served briefly with the 71st Bomb Group in Japan. Returning to the U.S. in September 1948, he was assigned to duty with the Criminal Investigation Department’s Apprehension Squad of the Indiana Military District.

He joined the 728th MP Battalion at Fort Sheridan, Ill, in May 1949 and remained with this organization until August 1950 when he was assigned to the MP Platoon, IX Corps, at Fort Sheridan. He came to Korea with the Corps in October.

Sergeant Kirby’s wife, Alice, and children, Darla, two, and James, one, live at Rockdale, Ind. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirby, reside at Wetmore, Kans.

CCC Notes

The Courier-Tribune

14 Jan 1935

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C.C.C. Notes

Co. 2735

Camp to be Improved

Company 2735 new officers have taken hold of things in fine shape. Plans are already under way of making Co. 2735 a model.

Some of the intended improvements are: Painting of all the building on the outside. The colors will be forestry green, trimmed in white. The mess hall wall will be painted white inside with a robin egg blue ceiling. The mess tables will be white with black trim white oilcloth will cover the tops. They are also contemplating putting in a stage in the west end of the mess hall, with footlights. This will make a fine place for our camp entertainments. A new barber shop will be built for the barber. The recreation hall will be done over; a new canteen built, furniture bought, walls painted and various other improvements. There are just few of the improvements that will be made. Co. 2735 is looking forward to a great year with its new Officers.

No more stumbling around in the dark for Company 2735. Arrangements have been made for new street lights in the near future. Pete Waller of Seneca is estimating the work.

We are still hoping that we will some time get a power line out to camp. If our good friends in Seneca keep up the good fight a while longer, we will have them, too.

Twenty-three Juniors and one Local Experience Man were enrolled Jan., 2, 1935 This brings our company strength up to 192. A hundred seventy-six Juniors and 16 Local Experience Men. The new enrollees came from Nemaha, Washington, Jackson and Atchison counties.

The well that was being dug by the Forestry Department caved in Monday, making the well a total loss. A number of tools were lost but fortunately no one was hurt. It is planned to use the old camp well for the mules now that a new camp well has been completed.

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Summer Porch

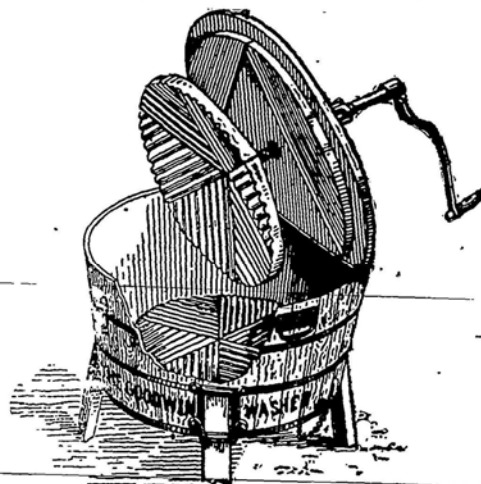
Did you see the work being done on the north side of the sheriff's residence?



Thanks to Jerry Stallbaumer and generous donations to 2022 Step Foundation Match Day, we have been able to replace the foundation under the summer porch.

Since everything had to be moved off of the summer porch for the foundation repair, two of our board members have had fun re-imagining the summer porch display.

One of the items on the porch is a wooden washing machine similar to The Goodwin Washer, advertised in the August 1897 issue of The Seneca Tribune and recommended by several ladies from the Baileyville area.



THE GOODWIN WASHER.

To the Ladies of Nemaha County:

We wish to say a few words in regard to the merits of the **Goodwin Washer**. We have come here to convince the unbelieving that a washing machine has been invented that will wash your clothes cleaner than it can be done by hand; one that will do the washing of a family of six or eight persons in one and one-half to two hours, and that runs so light that you will have no backache when the work is done. We will call upon as many of you as we can and when you have seen the machine in operation you will have no other. It is the machine the ladies have been waiting to see ever since the serpent and the apple made it necessary for clothes to be washed. Read the testimonials from well known ladies right here at home.

AXTELL, KAN., March 25, 1897.

After trying the Goodwin Washing Machine on both white and colored clothing I will say it does the work perfectly without hand rubbing or boiling, and is so easy to use a child 12 years of age can do the work.

MRS. W. H. SCANLAN.

BAILEYVILLE, KAN., April 1, 1897.

We have tested the Goodwin Washing Machine and will say it is the best machine we have ever seen. It will take out any dirt that can be rubbed out by hand—does it fast, and is easy to use.

MRS. H. DAVIDSON AND DAUGHTERS.

BAILEYVILLE, KAN., April 19, 1897.

Since using the Goodwin Washing Machine to do our week's washing I will say it is as good as represented by the agent. It is easily operated, does good work, and is easy on the clothing.

MRS. JNO. HAY.

BAILEYVILLE, KAN., March 31, 1897.

After using the Goodwin Washing Machine to do our washing, unassisted by the agent, we pronounce it as good as represented to us by the agent. It does the work good and fast; is easily operated, easily cleaned and looks very durable.

MRS. M. MAGEE.

BAILEYVILLE, KAN., March 5, 1897.

After using the Goodwin Washing Machine, we want to recommend it to every housekeeper. It washes as clean as hand work; will clean the collars and wrist-bands of shirts without any hand rubbing or boiling and it does the work fast and is easy to use.

MARY AND KATE REINECKE.

MRS. KOHAKA.

MRS. J. REINECKE.

BAILEYVILLE, KAN., March 12, 1897.

We have used the Goodwin Washing Machine for the purpose for which it is calculated. It does the work as good as can be done by hand and is fast, easy and clean in its work; does away with the slop made by boiling the clothes.

EDITH KERNS,
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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly Courier
Friday February 10, 1871
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Corning

We commenced building here about the middle of November. Norton & Co., Grain Dealers, removed their grain warehouse here early in the month, with all the disadvantages incident to putting up building in the winter season. There has been erected a depot 20 x 40 feet, a section house 18 x 26 feet, the wing of a public house 18x18 1 1/2 stories high, horse barn 14x24, all completed, besides a dwelling 16x22 1/12 stories high, now in process of building. The store building and three dwellings have been conveyed here from the old town site 3/4 of a mile west of here and are now occupied as formerly. T. H. McKay is busy getting out work for his new hotel, 18x27 feet, two stories high. He will have it in readiness for the spring trade. Dr. N. B. McKay intends putting up a large store building 20x50 feet - 2 stories, early in the spring.

Mr. Casey of Atchison, our "village blacksmith" has sent his household goods on here and is expected every day in person, to commence business at once.

Mr. [?] Lauer, also of Atchison, has located here as the harness and saddle maker, and will open in the spring in that branch of trade. Our school district is fully organized, and the first meeting to elect officers will be held at the residence of J. Durkee, Feb. 11, so we will have a school soon. Twenty families from Andover, Allegeny Co., N.Y. will land here about the 10th of March, expecting to make Kansas their future home.

Spring will be a welcome guest this year. Hay and feed for stock are scarce and generally of poor quality. Stock of all kinds will gladly hail the verdant green in place of the crisped and desolate feature presented by our prairies now. The weather has been all sorts lately. In mixed lots it ought to suit somebody. It is well we don't make the weather, for if we did, we would certainly leave the wind out of some of the days of the past two months.

We are no longer a flag station, but are recognized as a regular stopping place. Traffic is light. A car of wheat left here yesterday and today we send off some 1,000 lbs of butter with a lot of game, chickens, rabbits, quails, &c, by express to Leavenworth. The weather is as beautiful as could be desired. Look out for big crops the coming harvest. Everything is suspicious of coming good to the tiller of the soil.

The Atchison Daily Champion
6 May 1871
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The Cut Off — The Seneca Press of the 6th last seas: "Maj. Downs, Superintendent and Land Commissioner of the Central Branch Railroad, was in this city on Tuesday last, and gave our citizens assurance that the route, from here to Corning, would be surveyed within the next two weeks. This is glorious news for the people of Seneca and Nemaha county. He further stated that the cars on this link would be running by fall.

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Korean War

Courier Tribune

12 July 1951

Service Notes

Pvt. Leonard McGinty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGinty, has sent his parents word of his arrival in Japan. He stated the trip took nine days. Pvt. McGinty had not yet been assigned his duties.

The Public information office of the 1603rd Air Base group reports that Staff Sergeant Edward H. Fangman, Seneca, has reported to it for duty. The 1603rd is at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, North Africa. Sgt. Fangman is senior personnel specialist. Before being sent to Tripoli he was stationed at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He is a son of Mrs. Johanna Fangman, Seneca.

Completes Basic Airman Course

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas — Pvt. Raymond L. Hawley, 19, son of Ray Hawley, Goff, has completed his AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Courier Tribune

30Jul 1951

Service Notes

Sgt. Harold Duryea Jr

Is Home on Furlough

Axtell Standard

Sgt. Harold S. Duryea Jr., Axtell, is among 22 Kansans of a group of 1946 combat veterans from Korea who arrived in San Francisco over the weekend aboard the U.S.S. Telfair, for furloughs. Sgt. Duryea was reported missing on Feb. 14 and was reported liberated from his captured status on May 12. His wife and family live in Axtell.

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CCC Notes

Courier Tribune

31 Jan 1935

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Fire Takes Pump House

CCC Worker Injured in Burning Building

Wm. Foltz, CCC worker on night fire watch, was severely burned on neck, face and hands Sunday when flames destroyed the small pump house at the Nemaha county park

The fire started when Willard Conklin, night CCC pump house attendant, entered the building with a lantern. Gasoline vapors caused combustion. Conklin gave the alarm and the bugler blew fire call. Foltz saw some clothing burning in the pump house and attempted to get it out. The gasoline flared and ignited his clothing. He was burned as he sought to smother the blaze.

CCC men responded to the alarm and stood guard to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings.

Construction was started at once on a new pump house to replace the one destroyed. The pump itself was not badly damaged. Gen. Lott, commanding the CCC corps area, ordered the routine inquiry customary in such cases and it was held at camp yesterday. A pump house is nearly completed for the new well southeast of the camp. It is hoped to have this supply connected this week.

D. C. lighting plants at the camp are not give good service. Co. 2735 was dark for several days because of magneto trouble.

Assign New Officers to CCC Company 1797

Headquarters of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Ft. Riley, has assigned two new officers to Company 1797 at the Nemaha county state park. The commanding officer will be First Lieut. Donald Meade who comes from Co. 2733, Ionia, Kansas. Second in command is 2nd Lieut. Bennett G. William, formerly stationed at CO. 2732 at Quinter, Kansas.

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Purple Hearts

Since no list of Purple Hearts recipients exists, the Seneca and Sabetha newspapers along with inquiries into the community are being used to create a list of recipients of this award. (This is a work in progress. Sabetha newspapers have been searched thru 1999. Seneca newspapers have been searched thru 1963.) Email additions to nvhs@rainbowtel.net

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- Restore one of the wheels on the civil war gun
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- Upgrade our primary computer and printer

2024 Projects

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- Create handicapped access to the military museum
- Continue upgrading computer equipment to run Windows 11
- Create a new display featuring the car racing activities in the county
- Welcome our new horse, Diamond, and create a display featuring the horse trough on South side of the jail.



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Rural Electric

Courier Tribune

21 Feb 1935

Rural Survey Is Under Way

Mapping the Potential Demand for Electricity

Nemaha county, minus its incorporated cities, is now being surveyed along with other counties of the state, to give the federal government a bird's eye view of the electrical situation: how many places have electricity, how many might use it, and what facilities exist which might be expanded to meet the need.

There is no definite information what steps the government will take after the survey is complete.

Ralph Hybskmann, who is heading the survey in this county, was at Topeka Monday for a meeting in which details of taking the information were discussed. Hybskmann began yesterday to help the Nemaha county workers get started.

These helpers tentatively are Tom Barrett and Clyde Salisbury, Centralia; Harry McCabe and Charles Vandiver, Corning; Walter Shipman, Wetmore; Ed Plank, Woodlawn; John Hilbert, Bern; Clay Morgan, Sabetha; James C. Allen, Oneida; Lester Weyer, Baileyville; Francis Skoch, Seneca. Others may be used if necessary. They are taken from the relief list and the time spent in surveying is a part of their budgeted hours.

Each worker has a notebook. Each page is squared off for a section and is divided into 40 acre tracts. The surveyor indicates buildings on each tract, using a certain symbol to show whether a farm layout, school, church, store or other type of building. The symbol also shows whether it could be expected the building or buildings would use low, average, or high amount of electricity. Colored markings will be used to indicate if there is at present no electrical system, or if there is a home system or transmission line hook-up.

Hybskmann will use the maps of the sections to make up a county map, and will also mark the existing transmission lines and generating plants.

The map may show certain areas where potential use of electricity is large and perhaps where extension of existing systems could fill the demand.

Surveyors are asked to make their own estimates as nearly possible, without consulting those in possession of the property.

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Korean War

Courier Tribune

26 Jul 1951

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Courier tribune

9 Aug 1951

With Co. D, Seneca, at Camp McCoy

Camp McCoy, Wise — It's not a stove pipe - not this weapon. It's an 81 mm mortar, one of the most devastating of the infantry's close support weapons. When the sight is removed, the round will be ready to be fired by dropping it into the muzzle of this weapon. In the front are SFC Osborn L. Wheeler, Sabetha; SFC Russell Anderson, Oneida, on the left. In the rear, Pfc. Paul Goodman, Wetmore, left. And Sgt. Raymond Funk, Oneida. All are members of Company D, 353rd Inf. At Seneca, which has been in training at Camp McCoy.



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CCC Notes

Courier Tribune

18 Feb 1935

Shall We Ask Soil Project?

A Farm Question

Might Secure CCC for Soil Work

A Tour to Jewell to Determine Advisability

A tour to be made from Nemaha county to Jewell county on Tuesday, March 5, may be of extreme importance and should command the attention of every farmer and business man.

Here is the proposition: Nemaha county has a double CCC camp, the boys now being employed in the county lake project. This will take some time for completion but when it is done, what is to become of the camps? Are they to be sent elsewhere or shall Nemaha county do its best to retain the youths for soil erosion work? Should not the lake be protected from washed-in dirt by checking of soil erosion in at least a part of the 37 section it drains?

There are many other farms in the county where washing of soil is a matter for serious thought. It may be, then that Nemaha county farmers will wish to keep the camps for soil erosion work, and further, that instead of having gullies checked here and there and a few terraces made, that an area project will be asked.

This is the reason for the trip to Mankato, in Jewell county, There are other camps in the state in soil erosion work, but the only "area project" Kansas has is near Mankato. Most of the farmers in a large area are cooperating and this district is being improved as a unit. Persons who have seen the project marvel at the amount of earth being moved. Farms are practically reconstructed in some instances. Crop programs are planted to hold what has been regained. Participation in the plan by each farmer in the area is voluntary. It can be seen it is only reasonable most of the farmers in a proposed area must cooperate so the farms can be developed as a unit.

It is believed that two or three new area projects will be started in Kansas in the next two weeks, one in the northeastern part of the state. Does Nemaha county want it?

R. L. Rawlins, county agent, is making arrangements for the trip.

Eldon Harden, formerly of Centralia, and Fred Kruger, formerly of Seneca, are working on the Jewell county project. The date for the tour was set with Harden's cooperation. Cars probably will leave Seneca at 8:00 a.m. or a little before, on March 5. Other cars will join as the party proceeds west on 36. The schedule is to arrive at Mankato at 11 a.m. At this hour, government agents will explain the project. In the afternoon the Nemaha county guests will be taken on a drive over the area. The county agent is hoping 50 or 60 cars will make the trip.

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Money loaned for non-residents on good and sufficient real estate security (improved farms) at 12 per cent per annum.

Will furnish description, stating quality of soil, quantity and quality of timber, stone and water; also proximity to Railroads, County seat towns, churches, schools, post offices and Mills.

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